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NANAIMO HONORS MR. RALPH SMITH

BANQUET TENDERED TO THE LATE MEMBER

Upon Eve of Departure for
Vancouver Where He
Will Reside

Citizens of all political creeds gathered in the dining parlors of the Nanaimo hotel last night to do honor to Mr. Ralph Smith, late member for Nanaimo district in the House of Commons, who together with Mrs. Smith is leaving that city in a few days to take up his residence in Vancouver. That all present forgot their political differences in doing honor to the guest of the evening was quite evident, each speaker paying a tribute to the honesty of purpose, ability and worthiness of the late member who at the close of his remarks was greeted with tumultuous applause. It was a representative gathering of Nanaimo's citizens that sat around the festive board. Men in every department of the city's business affairs and walk in life expressed regret at Mr. Smith's departure from Nanaimo and the sentiment was oft expressed "that what was Nanaimo's loss was Vancouver's gain."

The toast to Mr. Smith was proposed by Mayor Planta who paid a high tribute to the late member and Mrs. Smith whose absence will create a gap in Nanaimo that will be difficult to fill.

In the course of his reply Mr. Smith said:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen—

My friend Dr. Reynolds had hesitancy in replying to the toast "The Dominion of Canada" because of the greatness of that subject, and my friend Mr. Stockett had hesitancy in attempting to describe the greatness and the wealth of British Columbia. If you will permit me to say I would rather choose either of those subjects than hold the position I am placed in to-night. I would rather have made a political speech; I should have said like a rock against sympathy as has been expressed here to-night. The composition of this audience means much to myself and wife.

Party politics is an important thing but the interests of a citizen and of the country are a greater thing, and the honor of having the good will of a community greater than having the loyal attachment of any political party. However often you departed from my opinions (and I always thought you were wrong) there was never a time in my political career that I did not think you had a right to those opinions. When I was young I studied the philosophy of liberty laid down by John Stuart Mills, a small book but of great significance. In that book I remember one sentence that I always tried to practice and that sentence was this: "Every man has a right to do what he thinks is right so long as in doing this he does not interfere with the rights of others." I have always tried to live up to that principle. No man has a right to say or write at any time derogatory of the character of another, or detracting from the honor of another man. "Who steals my purse steals trash," said one and Solomon said: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," and so a man's character is valuable to him. A man has no right to enter public life without expecting criticism, and being prepared to accept the verdict of the people should it prove contrary to his opinions. The man is not big enough to stay in public life who would exercise hostility because the verdict went against him.

That was the way I took the verdict on Sept. 21st when I leave Nanaimo I leave it without a single hard feeling against any man, for I accord to every man the right to exercise his opinion according to the dictates of his own conscience. I will be frank with you when I say the motive which prompted me to leave Nanaimo was a domestic one, the decision to move to Vancouver and make a home for my boys already residing there, and I feel sure you will agree with me that is a good motive. The second reason was that I thought I could make my way in Vancouver the same as hundreds of other men have done, for not detracting from the possibilities and importance of Nanaimo, I feel there is a wider scope in Vancouver, and so for these two reasons I came to the conclusion the best thing to do was to move to that city. I have good reasons to always remember Nanaimo. I came here twenty years ago in search of health and with the intention, like many others from the Old Country, to make my fortune and return home in my years. I cannot forget the fact that for two years I was a dying man, came to Nanaimo and found that treasure, health, and I think I would be ungrateful if I did not remember that fact, and I will always remember Nanaimo because I have a native son, my youngest boy born in this city; these are tremendous reasons why I can never forget Nanaimo. There is a third reason why I shall always remember this city.

No public man in Nanaimo, with all due respect to those who have held public office in the years gone by, obtained the support and retained the confidence of this community for anything like the same period as myself.

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LEGISLATURE TO MEET JANUARY 11

IMPORTANT MEASURES TO BE LOOKED FOR

Redistribution Bill Likely
Forest Control and Taxation Amendment

The legislature is called for the despatch of business on Thursday, January 11, when the third session of the Twelfth Legislature of British Columbia will begin. So far as can be foreseen now the session will be about the usual length and will be marked by some important legislation.

It is generally expected that the government will put through a redistribution bill, which is always due after the taking of the decennial census by the Dominion. This will be a bill calling for a good deal of discussion, especially from the opposition, as it is certain to be pretty much of a gerrymander. But even government supporters are not always pleased at the boundaries fixed for them, and whatever the redistribution which the attorney-general, as master of administration, decides upon it is bound to leave room for objection from Conservatives as well as the Liberal and Socialist opposition members.

The government will certainly be expected at this session to introduce legislation to carry out the recommendations of the commission—consisting of F. J. Fulton, K. C., A. C. Plummerfelt and A. S. Goodwin, M. P.—which went very patiently and thoroughly into the whole question of the forest resources of this province and the means necessary for their conservation. The report was presented to the House last session, but action was delayed on it, all that was done being the increasing of the dangers of the forest.

The tax commission is likely to hand in its report any day now, and if the minister of finance has his way whatever it may recommend in the way of amendment or addition to the taxing powers will be embodied in a bill and put on the statute books at once. There is not thought to be anything radical in the way of change likely but there will probably be some important amendments suggested, and it would not surprise Liberals, who remember how their policies have been adopted in the past, if the commission recommends some of their taxation proposals as if brand new schemes.

There does not seem to be a heavy budget of private legislation for the session, the Gazette containing few notices of intended applications to parliament.

The Victoria Harbor Railway company, which has been one of the first companies to secure incorporation by the free trade in railways provisions of the Railway Act passed last session, has had its capital fixed by the minister of railways in the manner set by the act. In the current issue of the Gazette the essence of the minister's certificate is announced, fixing the aggregate amount of share capital at one million dollars, in ten thousand shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each.

The company gives notice through its solicitors, Robertson and Helander, of its intention to apply to the legislature at the coming session for an act granting it an extension of time "with which to commence and continuously and effectually proceed with the construction of its railway, and also an extension of time within which to spend fifteen per cent. of its authorized capital upon the construction of its railway."

The city of Victoria will ask for the validation of half a dozen money bills, and all the local improvement assessment by-laws, while Vancouver has the customary shoal of charter amendments, including one to permit the adoption of the commission form of civic government, which the ratepayers have voted in favor of.



A SUGGESTION
Why should not the city and tramway company get together and solve the mud question in this way?

OPENS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOME RULE

Bonar Law Says Unionists Will
Oppose Proposal to
Last Gasp

London, Dec. 8.—At the opening at Bootle, Lancashire, last night, of the Unionists' campaign against Home Rule, the opposition leader, Andrew Bonar Law, stated his party had determined to fight the proposal to the last gasp. Many persons, he said, favored Home Rule because they were tired of the Irish problem and wanted it out of the way.

THE McNAMARAS ARE CONDEMNED

FEDERATION OF LABOR
ISSUES STATEMENT

Members of Committee Declare They Court the Full-est Investigation

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Branding James B. and John J. McNamara as "recrants to the good name and high ideals of labor," and expressing the satisfaction of organized labor that the "culprits have been commensurately punished for their crimes," the McNamara ways and means committee of the American Federation of Labor, after a two days' conference, issued a statement late yesterday, vigorously condemning the McNamaras for their "inhumanity," and declaring that organized labor should not be held "either legally or morally responsible for the crimes of an individual member."

The labor leaders assert that they "will welcome any investigation which either federal or state courts may undertake."

The statement is signed by every member of the McNamara committee, except F. M. Ryan, president of the International Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' Association, of which J. J. McNamara was secretary-treasurer. Mr. Ryan returned to Indianapolis yesterday.

"Had he remained, however," said President Gompers, positively, "I am sure Mr. Ryan would have added his name. He was called back to Indianapolis by pressure of business. He did not see the statement, but I am sure he is in hearty accord with its sentiment."

As to their connection with the crime with the McNamaras, the committee in their statement assert:

"We, here and now, individually and collectively, declare that the first intimation of their guilt was conveyed by the press in their confessions of guilt."

The statement says: "And yet, it is an awful commentary on existing conditions, when one man among all the millions of workers can bring himself to the frame of mind that the only means to secure justice for labor is in violence, outrage and murder."

OVER 150 RUSSIAN WORKMEN PERISH

Lose Lives When Ice Carries
Away Bridge on Which They
Were Working

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—Between 150 and 200 workmen were to-day plunged into the Volga river through the collapse of a railroad bridge near Kazan. The bridge, which was in course of construction, was carried away by the pressure of ice.

Only four corpses thus far have been recovered.

G. T. P. WILL RUSH CONSTRUCTION WORK

CONTRACTORS PREPARE
FOR BUSY SEASON

Tete Jaune Cache—Aldermere
Section to Be Completed
Without Delay

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—There will be an era of unprecedented activity in railway construction circles next year, as the management of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway has intimated to Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart its desire that the uncompleted 415-mile gap between Tete Jaune Cache, 50 miles west of Yellowhead Pass, and Aldermere in Bulkley Valley, be completed without any delay.

Owing to the departure for Paris of J. W. Stewart, the managing director; Pat Welch, a partner in the firm, has gone to Edmonton and Winnipeg, on business in connection with the award of sub-contracts for the eastern half of the work. It is understood that the sub-contracts for the western portion of the gap will be awarded to various sub-contractors who were now engaged on the line east of Hazelton.

Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart last fall were given the contract for the entire unfinished gap. They have gangs in the field clearing right-of-way from both ends. The firm is also building the stern-wheel steamboats at Tete Jaune Cache for the purpose of distributing material and supplies along the route between that point and Fort George. The south fork of the Fraser has been demonstrated to be navigable from the end of April until October. The two boats will be launched next spring.

J. A. MCCROSSAN DEAD.

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—J. A. McCrossan, city electrician for many years, died this morning at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCrossan, 759 Bute street.

The late Mr. McCrossan had just been given four months' leave of absence by the city council owing to ill-health, and intended to go to California, but unfortunately his condition became so serious that he was practically confined to his bed until his death.

The deceased was born on January 4, 1855, in Chatham, Ont. He married Miss Ada Ingram, who died a year and a half ago. He was a brother of G. E. McCrossan, a well-known lawyer, and brother-in-law of Dr. A. S. Monroe, physician.

MANY WITNESSES ARE SUMMONED

GRAND JURY CONTINUES
WORK AT LOS ANGELES

Inquiry Into Dynamiting Cases
May Last for More
Than Week

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—With United States deputy marshals searching for 123 witnesses subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury, that body's second day of investigation into the sources of an alleged nationwide dynamite conspiracy was taken up here to-day.

Ortle E. McNamagal, who has confessed many of these dynamiting, occupied the entire time of that body yesterday in telling his story. He was taken back to the county jail a little before the usual time for adjournment and may be recalled to-day.

"I've got hundreds of thousands of dollars and the American Federation of Labor back of me. It only took \$20,000 to clear Vincent Altman of Chicago, and if they could not convict him they can't convict me."

This boast, attributed yesterday by Detective Malcolm McLaren to James B. McNamara as the latter was being taken on a train from Detroit to Chicago on the night of April 12 last, caused Ortle E. McNamagal, then also under arrest, to become angered with McNamara for his indiscreet announcement, and was the first circumstance that led McNamagal to break with his companion and eventually to confess his crimes.

McNamagal's real confession had been saved for the McNamara trial. The McNamaras were not brought before the federal grand jury, and it may be that McNamagal's story will be regarded as sufficient, the other two being sent to San Quentin without further interrogation here.

That McNamagal's story implicated other men in the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers became known through various sources. McNamagal alleges that persons other than John J. McNamara, the secretary-treasurer, paid him for the twenty "jobs" of dynamiting since 1907.

District Attorney Fredericks will recommend McNamagal's discharge on account of signal service rendered.

"McNamagal never killed anybody; in fact he took good care never to endanger human life," remarked Assistant District Attorney Joseph Ford yesterday.

It was said to-day that in all probability no indictments would be returned for a week, and perhaps for even a longer time. The whereabouts of some of the men, said to be sought as witnesses, are not definitely known and the list is so long as to render it likely that many days will elapse before all are heard.

Information gathered here indicated that the scope of the Los Angeles inquiry is not entirely determined by the department of justice at Washington. In view of similar investigation in progress at Indianapolis, it is possible that the one here will be used to "clean up" the Pacific coast angles of the affair, leaving the wider range for the other. In this connection was recalled an interview of W. J. Burns, in which he said that the papers serving the territory between the Appalachian and the Rocky mountains would probably get news of the further arrests. There seemed to be no doubt to-day that prominent labor leaders on the coast would be called on to aid the investigators in their work.

That J. B. McNamara intended placing bombs at the home of General Oils, proprietor of the Los Angeles Times, and Felix Zoehandelaar, secretary of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, was the assertion made to-day by one of the state's detectives who worked on the case.

When the McNamaras would go to San Quentin penitentiary was as much of a mystery to-day as at any time since sentence was pronounced. A report that they already had some word denied by Sheriff Hammel, and on good authority it was learned that their commitment papers, without which they cannot be taken to the penitentiary, had not reached the sheriff's hands.

Visits Philadelphia.

New York, Dec. 8.—Detective W. J. Burns left to-day for Philadelphia after holding a conference here yesterday with Walter Drew, counsel for the National Bricklayers' Association. He will return to New York to-morrow to continue his investigation of local dynamiting cases.

WATCHMAN MUST PAY.

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—Mr. Justice Murphy yesterday handed down judgment for \$150 in favor of Alfred Jones against Braemar, night watchman for the Pacific Pressed Brick Company. Last February Jones, who is a steamboat hand, was making his way through the wharf of the Pacific Pressed Brick Company to the tug on which he was working, when Braemar, the night watchman, offered to pilot him through. As Braemar was leading, with a clear light in his hand, Jones fell eighteen feet through an open hatchway and received injuries from which he is still suffering. Mr. Justice Murphy holds that the accident was due to the carelessness of the watchman and orders him to pay the costs.

NEW AEROPLANE RECORD.

Johannesburg, Germany, Dec. 8.—A new endurance record for an aeroplane flight with passengers, was achieved to-day by Herr Suvelack, the well-known aviator, who succeeded in staying in the air for 4 hours 32 minutes.

The previous record was held by Herr Von Illner, who accomplished a flight with a passenger lasting 2 hours 10 minutes 55 seconds.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Hogutani, Wash., Dec. 8.—While her mother was at a neighbor's home, a few steps away, yesterday afternoon, making arrangements for the child's care during the evening, Lillian, 3 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, got matches and set fire to her clothing. She died shortly afterwards.

THREE CHILDREN DROWNED.

San Mateo, Cal., Dec. 8.—Three small children, John Issard, 9; Irwin Daniels, 8; and Marguerite McLennan, 8, were drowned here yesterday when a raft on which they were playing in a pond capsized.

VIOLATED THE LORD'S DAY ACT

Two Men Fined at New Westminster for Keeping Stores
Open on Sunday

New Westminster, Dec. 8.—Two merchants, a Greek named Joseph Melidone, and a Chinaman, Sin Kee, were each fined \$20 and costs by Police Magistrate Edmonds for violating the Lord's Day Act in regard to the closing of stores on Sunday. Both men pleaded guilty and promised to obey the law in the future. They were warned that a repetition of the offence would mean the imposition of the maximum penalty, \$40 and costs.

The prosecutions are the first of the kind in this city. Until recently the police were unable to prosecute in such cases under the city bylaws. A short time ago, however, application was made to the attorney-general for permission to take action in such cases under the Lord's Day Act, and permission was granted on condition that the circumstances in connection with each case be placed before the attorney-general's department.

THREE MEN SHOT DOWN FROM AMBUSH

One Killed and Two Wounded
—Called to Railway Yard
by False Message

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Investigation into the shooting near the Nonconah yards of the Illinois Central Railroad early to-day by which one man lost his life and two were seriously wounded, is now on here.

The victims of the shooting were Victor C. Bonner, a railroad guard, who was instantly killed as he rode on the running board of a switch engine, and Captain G. W. Dillamay, a deputy marshal and Charles McCallam, another guard. The latter two were badly injured and it is believed they will not recover.

Guards were called to the railroad yards to suppress a reported riot. At the outskirts of the yards the guards were fired upon. They opened fire, but their assailants had escaped.

Proceeding into the yard the officers found there had been no rioting. The United States marshal is attempting to determine who sent the decoy message. A strike of railroad shovemen is still under way here.

SHILOH LEADER INDICTED.

Charges Against Rev. F. W. Sanford in Connection With Death of Six of Followers.

Portland, Me., Dec. 8.—An indictment, containing six counts, for death of six of his followers on the cruise of the yacht Coronet was reported to-day by the grand jury of the United States district court against Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and U's Society. The trial of the Shiloh leader was begun immediately.

MOROCCAN QUESTION.

Madrid, Dec. 8.—Negotiations between the governments of Spain and France regarding the Moroccan question were opened here yesterday. Great Britain, through her ambassador to Spain, Sir Maurice D'Elzen, is participating in the conference.

MORE UPRISINGS REPORTED IN MEXICO

Military Authorities Pay Little
Attention to Movement—
Sailors Join Insurrectos

Mexico City, Dec. 8.—Further mystery regarding the movements of General Reyes has been created by a new report that he had passed through St. Louis, but the belief is still held that he is in the vicinity of Brownsville, as was reported by a secret agent of the interior department.

Uprisings are reported from San Martin, in the state of Tlaxcala, and also in the neighborhood of Tehuacan in the state of Puebla, as well as on the southern border of Zacatecas.

To all of these disturbances the military authorities are paying little attention. The situation in Yucatan is said to have improved.

Steamer Searched.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—Soon after the steamer Buretan had received clearance papers to-day for Frontera, Mex., agents of the United States commissioners and secret service men went alongside in a launch and made a thorough search for evidence of a filibustering expedition to Mexico.

Sailors Mutiny.

Mexico City, Dec. 8.—A dispatch received to-day at the department of communications, reports the mutiny of the crew of the Melchor Ocampo, a lighthouse tender stationed at Mujeres Island, off the east coast of Yucatan. The men are said to have placed themselves and the little steamer at the service of the insurrectos.

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RESERVOIR TENDER CLOSES THIS DAY

REPAIRS REQUIRED
WILL BE EXECUTED

Long Standing Question Comes
Up Again To-night—Con-
tract for Automobile

The date for receiving tenders for the repair of the Smith's Hill reservoir will expire today, and it is to be hoped that the work which has been so long delayed will be put in hand before the present council goes out on an earlier occasion, but not accepted, and the aldermen decided to advertise for new offers, the contractors to make their own specifications, the council not caring so much about the various methods as to secure a watertight reservoir. The date had been provisionally fixed for last Friday, but was postponed on account of the fact that the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company, who tendered an offer to put the reservoir in shape for \$39,600, wished to submit a fresh tender with ten years' guarantee, instead of the five for which the company was bidding at that date. There was only one other tender, at that time, for \$19,430. The sum of \$10,000 was set aside this year for the work, and the controller stated that an additional sum of a similar amount would be available from another fund. It is to be hoped that the contract price will be low enough for the council to find the money during the present fiscal year.

Another tender for which the time expires to-day is for the fire chief's new motor, also the former tenders were rejected on the request of Fire Chief Davis on the ground that they tendered for an ordinary car, whereas he must have one specially built to order. The mayor will open the tenders to-night. The cost of this car, which is imperative, will probably run from \$4,200 to \$4,600, as the condition of the streets makes the wear and tear of a chief's car excessive, owing to the exigencies of its use.

Alderman Humber has again permitted the sanitary department to destroy the accumulations of rubbish on the city yard site near Bridge street in his brickyard kilns, owing to the impossibility of the city incinerators handling it, the new one not being ready, and the old one being in course of repair. The alderman suspended the permission he has accorded the department owing to the criticism of his actions in a letter to the council from a Burnside road resident.

When the library difficulty was apparently solved, a few days ago in the city council, the mayor would not allow Commissioner E. O. S. Scholefield to read in this communication, in addition to setting out the terms in which he was willing to resign his office, Mr. Scholefield asked for staff changes to be made at the Carnegie library. His worship's contention was that the matter of staff appointments was one for the commissioners alone to deal with under the by-law, and the council had no control in that regard. Mr. Scholefield has asked for the contents of the letter to be made public before he will continue to act as one of the commissioners.

Your Xmas Cooking.—Round cake tins, 5c, 10c, 15c and 20c; rectangular cake tins with double bottoms, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 35c; English pudding bowls, 75c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 45c and 65c. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas street.

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BOY SCOUTS PRESENT PLAY CREDITABLY

"Cruise of the Bilgebucket"
Proves a Great Success—
Will Be Repeated To-night

The Victoria brigade of Boy Scouts have earned a reputation for doing everything to which they put their hands thoroughly and well, and this characteristic marks their presentation of the play which was staged in the A. O. U. W. hall last night for the first time. It is being given in aid of Sir William Treloar's Christmas dinner fund for crippled children of London, and it will be repeated to-night under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Patterson and Premier and Mrs. McBride, who have promised to be present.

"The Cruise of the Bilgebucket" is a laughable farce comedy, though the boys would probably not dignify it with any particular title beyond that of "play," and it offers a wide field for wholesome fun and laughter. The boys and their scoutmaster all acted capital, and there was not a dull moment during the evening. All the characters were well cast and each one of the actors entered into the spirit of their part fully, contributing to a performance which as a whole was one which professionals need not be ashamed of. There was a large attendance, and the applause was frequent and hearty, the whole company being called to the front at the close of each act and cheered vigorously. To-night there should not be a vacant seat in the house, the merit of the performance and the object to which the funds are to be applied alike being worthy of support.

The good ship "Bilgebucket," according to the story of the play, is about to leave Wapping docks for somewhere or other, under the command of Captain Martingale Mudhook, an old-fashioned sea-dog, when the owner of the vessel, Tightwad Moneybags, conspires his daughter, Arabella, to the care of the captain. In the second act there are several screamingly funny scenes while the boat is trying to arrange an interview between the young couple, his efforts being frustrated by the mistakes and misadventures of Reginald Marmaduke Longchamps, a gentleman apprentice on his first voyage. Eventually the vessel is attacked by pirates and Firey saves the girl. A wireless message is received from Moneybags to the effect that he has learned of the presence of the lover on board and that he is coming by aeroplane. When he arrives he is coaxed by his daughter to give his consent, the captain strikes his flag to the widow and the curtain falls on a scene of general hilarity.

As already stated, the acting of the several parts is all that could be desired, each and every member of the cast acquitting himself well and in makes-up and characterization giving a perfect presentation. H. G. Jarvis was the captain, M. S. Frampton the first mate, W. E. H. Goldson the apprentice, H. B. Selfe the owner and stern parent, J. C. Anthony the lover, P. Salmon, G. W. Winterburn, A. O. Hughes, B. Jones and others the crew. A. Goldson made a very charming Arabella and F. White was excellent as the widow. G. H. Edwards was a most painstaking stage manager and deserves a lot of the credit for the smoothness with which everything went. W. J. Frampton manipulated the lights and F. Lund was pianist. The Boy Scouts' band, under the leadership of Conductor Bandmaster Plowright, rendered several selections between the acts and its playing was greatly appreciated.

Mayor's List.—The mayor's list for 1912 has been prepared, and contains the names of 5463 electors qualified as owners, householders, or license holders. The ward lists have not yet left the printer's hands.

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LIGHTING RATES OPERATING NOW

POWER CHARGES AS
FIXED BY AGREEMENT

How Schedule of Prices is Observed by Company to Customers

The rates as set out in the schedule to the agreement of the B.C.E.R. with the city for the sale of light and power to customers in the city, hearing date in September, 1909, are not to exceed similar charges in Vancouver, and are as follows:

Vancouver city, electric light, first 50 kilowatt hours, 11 cents per k.w.h.; next 50, 10 cents; next 50, 9 cents; next 50, 8 cents; next 50, 7 cents; next 50, 6 cents; next 50, 5 cents; next 50, 4 cents; next 50, 3 cents; next 50, 2 cents; next 50, 1 cent; and in excess of 2,000, 4 cents.

Ditto, power, 100 hours, 7 cents per k.w.h.; next 50, 6 cents; next 50, 5 cents; next 50, 4 cents; next 50, 3 cents; next 50, 2 cents; next 50, 1 cent; and in excess of 2,000, 4 cents.

Vancouver district: Light, first 50, 15 cents; next 50, 14 cents; next 50, 13 cents; next 50, 12 cents; next 50, 11 cents; next 50, 10 cents; next 50, 9 cents; next 50, 8 cents; next 50, 7 cents; next 50, 6 cents; next 50, 5 cents; next 50, 4 cents; next 50, 3 cents; next 50, 2 cents; next 50, 1 cent; and in excess of 2,000, 8 cents.

Ditto power: First 100, 7 cents; next 50, 6 cents; next 50, 5 cents; next 50, 4 cents; next 50, 3 cents; next 50, 2 cents; next 50, 1 cent; and in excess of 2,000, 8 cents.

Bills which lie before the writer of recent date in Victoria show that for private lighting the resident pays 12 cents for the first 50, and 11 cents for next 50 hours. A discount of 12 per cent. is allowed for prompt payment. The rates, it is explained on the back of the form, are based on the consumption in kilowatts per month, of the first 40 kilowatt hours, 12 cents per k.w.h., and next 50 k. hours, 11 cents per k.w.h.

The bills for business premises vary according to the arrangements with customers, but roughly approximate to the schedule set out above; however, customers benefit by a generous discount. For ordinary business offices the rates have come down to approximately with the conditions on the Mainland, and have fallen two cents per 50 kilowatt hours in the present year.

The power rates are in force as mentioned in the agreement, subject to 10 per cent. discount.

The rate for street lighting is to be fixed at a price which will not exceed one-half of the present cost to the council of generating the current, and this is the point in dispute with the company, and upon which the city solicitor is asked to report.

Commercial users of light and power are watching the peculiar position of Winnipeg, where the city and the street railway are fighting one another, and while the cost of generation is undoubtedly greater in British Columbia than in Manitoba the difference in figures is certainly peculiar. Cheap light and power are determining factors in securing new industries, and manufacturers in selecting locations are certainly influenced by these factors.

The canary is a species of finch, native to the Canary Islands.

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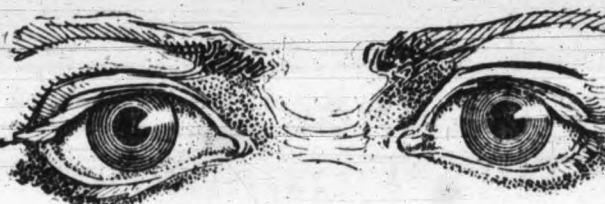
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SUFFRAGETTES IN WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 8.—Suffragettes made another attempt yesterday to preach their doctrines on Wall street and this time were unopposed. Remembering the treatment received by a party under Mrs. Pankhurst, the English leader, which was hooted out of the financial district a week ago, by several thousand messenger boys and brokers' clerks, the suffragettes went attended by a strong guard of police. They

were led by Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, president of the Women's Political Union. A great crowd cheered the speakers.

LEAPS TO DEATH.

New York, Dec. 8.—In view of thousands of pedestrians, an unidentified man, jumped to his death from the dome of the World building, 375 feet from the street. The name, "Alfred Demons D'Arques, Paris," offered the only clue to his identity.

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REBELS WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

Will Give Premier Full Power If He Eliminates Manchu Control

Peking, Dec. 8.—An imperial edict was issued yesterday sanctioning the cutting off of queues.

Shih Hsu, the Manchu prince, who was offered the grand guardianship of the Emperor on the resignation of the regent, has accepted the post. Hsu Shih Chang, the Chinese vice-president of the council, who was offered the office of co-regent guardian, declined, but the throne insists on his acceptance.

A telegram from Wu Chang says the rebels there are hopeful that the extension of the armistice will result in peace. The leaders are willing to concede full power to the premier, Yuan Shi Kai, provided that he agrees to the entire elimination of the Manchu control of central government.

Await Conference.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.—The provinces of Kwang Tung, Kiang Su, Kiang Si, Fu Kien, and Hu Pei will not accept less than 100,000 men for the establishment of a republic. Nevertheless they are awaiting General Li's conference with Tang Shi Yi before calling a national conference at Nanking, on the chance that Yuan Shi Kai will yield and join the republican government.

The republican military authorities announce that the initial march will be on Peking. They are now arranging for transports. The leaders here say that Premier Yuan has succeeded in winning back An Tung and Hu Nan by the use of money, but that when the convention at Nanking completes the resolution of the provisional government, all the minor provinces probably will be in the federation.

DETECTIVES NOW BUSY IN COLORADO

Searching for Evidence in Connection With Dynamiting Cases

Denver, Colo., Dec. 8.—Hoping to clear up some of the mysterious dynamiting in Colorado and believing that they may find evidence to connect these disasters with more recent ones, charged to the McNamaras, agents of W. J. Burns have returned to Colorado to conduct investigations.

It is said that the detectives will base their inquiries on the confession of Harry Orchard, now serving a life sentence in the Idaho penitentiary and evidence secured as a result of that confession. The investigation is said to be a part of the federal inquiry being conducted by special assistant attorney-general, Oscar Lawler.

Burns in New York.

New York, Dec. 8.—William J. Burns, the detective, who ran down the McNamaras, arrived in New York yesterday to consult with Walter Drew, counsel for the National Erectors' Association, which retained him to investigate more than one hundred dynamite outrages throughout the country.

"Every dynamiting since 1906, may be traced, directly or indirectly to the McNamaras and the men behind them," said Burns.

Disavowing any enmity towards organized labor and declaring that in such conservative leaders, as John Mitchell and others who have "stood behind me and my work," Burns said that if unionism is to prevail, it must kick out the dishonest leaders and the corrupt machine which is destroying it.

Replies to Gompers

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 8.—To show how much of the vast amount of money collected for the defense of the McNamaras was used legitimately and how much, if any, was used in corrupt practices, Samuel Gompers should bring suit for an accounting of the funds.

This was the comment of United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller, on Mr. Gompers' statement that the district attorney has been guilty of a "gratuitous impertinence" in criticizing Mr. Gompers as an "outside leader."

Condemn McNamaras.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Thirty eight hundred striking workmen of the Illinois Central lines yesterday condemned the McNamara brothers, and declared that death should have been the penalty allotted to them. The resolution was taken at a mass meeting of the Burnside shops and said: "Resolved, That traitors and other employers' associations be rightly censured, for by their persecution and unfairness they have affected the minds of certain fanatics to such an extent that they have adopted violence as justifiable."

Relief Fund Proposed.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 8.—The Des Moines branch of the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, announces that the union has adopted a resolution providing for the establishment of a national pension fund for the widows and orphans left by the Los Angeles Times disaster.

The local union members subscribed nearly \$100 for the defense of the McNamaras. They now agree to raise twice that amount for the widows and orphans pension fund. "The union will suggest that a commission be named to have charge of the funds raised."

Davenport's first woman juror, Mrs. Ida Knapp, a widow, prominent in Davenport, Wash., and an ardent suffragette, sat upon a civil case yesterday. When recesses were taken Mrs. Knapp busied herself with knitting, while her co-jurors smoked in the jury-room.

The total sugar crop of the island of Cuba up to September 30, 1911, was reported as 4,490,397 tons.



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Dent's Heavy Quality Kid Gloves, stitched in red or self color. Pair **\$1.50**

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WOULD OPEN STATE OFFICES TO WOMEN

Bill is Passed by Lower House of the California Legislature

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 8.—"Her excellency" the governor of California may become a little of common usage of a bill swept through the lower house of the legislature yesterday by a unanimous vote finds its way to the statute books.

This measure will break down every restriction imposed by existing laws and open the offices of the state as well to women as to men. The present law only permits women to hold offices in the educational branches of the state, and bars them indirectly from other departments. The enactment of the measure put through the assembly yesterday would place the men and women of the state on an absolutely equal footing, politically.

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TO ABANDON TURBINES.

Engines Said Not to Meet Requirements of United States Battleships.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—After comparative tests on a number of vessels the navy department has decided to abandon the turbine type of engines for battleships and to substitute the reciprocating engines—this despite the fact that virtually all other nations have adopted the turbine engine.

Rear Admiral H. L. Cone, chief of the bureau of steam engineering, who conducted the tests, says it was about 20 per cent more economical. The battleships Delaware and North Dakota, now being built, will be equipped with them.

Admiral Cone adds, however, that the new turbines, as installed in the fast cruisers and scouts have materially raised the speed at which these vessels have been safely and continuously driven.

JURY ACQUITS WOMAN.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Mary L. Sudall, who shot in the back and killed her divorced husband, Joseph Sudall, was acquitted on the charge of murder by a jury in the superior court yesterday. Sudall had obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce after a showing in court in which Mrs. Sudall appeared in an unfavorable light. He called upon Mrs. Sudall and demanded back a ring belonging to his mother. Mrs. Sudall objected and a quarrel followed. The jury that tried Mrs. Sudall was made up of men.

LOS ANGELES ELECTION.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—The two harbor precincts added to the 315 other city precincts, did not change the majority of 34,194 polled by Mayor Alexander over the Socialist candidate, Job Harriman. The total vote cast Tuesday was (unofficially) 138,120. Alexander polled approximately 86,129, Harriman 51,990.

Though the mayor received the largest vote of any candidate on the Good Government and Citizens' ticket, John H. Meyer, city auditor, was re-elected by a larger majority, his vote being 34,669 greater than that of his opponent.

Bandits shot to death J. C. Terry, proprietor of a roadside near Bartlesville, Okla., because he attempted to prevent their robbing O. Blair, a hotelman.

IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

BY DR. FRANK CRANE.

It is not Desire, but lack of Desire, that is the cause of tragedy in this world.

It is not heat, but cold, that breaks human hearts.

It is not Love, but indifference, that is the source of sorrow.

There have been crimes of passion, quick, terrible, mad; but they are as nothing compared to the slow, bloodless, cruel, hurt of thoughtlessness.

The men who strike women, curse them and murder them are bad humans, but

the men who treat women with no feeling at all are devils.

The woman who sins for love is a bad woman; but the woman who sins coldly is the one whose feet take hold on hell.

Anger, petulance, craving, appetite.

and all the seven deadly sins are disgraceful enough, but they seem almost good by the side of the bloodless sins of envy, greed and pride. Little children who are scolded and whipped and otherwise maltreated by ill-tempered parents excite our pity; but little children stunted in the mills of greed rouse us to fury.

Oh, there is fire mixed in this clay of ours, and the fire sometimes burns bitterly and wrong; but alas for the clay in which all fire is out.

Says Bailey: "I cannot love as I have loved, and yet I know not why."

It is the one great woe of life To feel all feeling die."

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McBRIDE'S OPPORTUNITY.

The student of political history in British Columbia will discover without great powers of discernment or extraordinary gifts of deduction that the premier has before him, at the next session of the legislative assembly, the political opportunity of a lifetime.

Among the evidences of sincere interest in maintaining a white man's country which has been one of the stock arguments of the McBride administration, the student will read the story of the enactment of the Natal Act in British Columbia and its subsequent disallowance by the federal government. This measure was ostensibly designed by the attorney-general to exclude Orientals and Asiatics, and many a good vote of the deluded working man was obtained under pretence that the McBride government was the white man's friend. The impassioned oratory of the premier and attorney-general fiercely denouncing the federal authorities because of their alleged indifference to the labor conditions on the Pacific coast filled many pages of the government organs during two previous electoral campaigns. When the Act was disallowed it was according to their representations—additional proof of the monstrous incompetency of the Liberal government and incontrovertible evidence of the fact that Codrill was the friend of labor, and not Short.

Among the stern and serious matters heralded by Mr. McBride as included in the demands he made upon the Borden government was one for legislation which will exclude Asiatics and maintain British Columbia as a "white man's country." Mr. Borden has already responded to a part of that appeal by granting justice to the Hindus in British Columbia whose wives are alienated from their husbands by alleged restrictions of the Immigration Act. We commend the government for this act of justice until such time as it discovered that there was really little need for government interference in a matter of transportation. As for the other demands of Mr. McBride, the Ottawa government has answered that it can take no steps until it consults with the Imperial authorities.

What the Times believes—if there was ever a scintilla of truth in the denigative utterances of Mr. McBride, Mr. Borden and the whole following of party newspapers respecting the power of the local government to enact legislation excluding Asiatics—is that the day of their opportunity has come. If the Natal Act will do what it was insidiously claimed for it, let it be re-enacted at the ensuing session. There is not a danger that it will be disallowed at Ottawa, for there is not a government in power friendly to Mr. McBride, and did not the very leader of this government telegraph to Mr. Borden in 1908, on the eve of the election in that year, that he pledged himself to the exclusion of Asiatics? Was not this telegram read and published in Victoria and throughout the whole province as the strongest card played by the then opposition party?

Here then is the situation. We have Mr. Borden at the head of the government. Mr. Borden pledged himself to Asiatic exclusion in 1908. He can have no reason for changing his mind, as the mind of British Columbia was his ruling passion at that time. The mind of the province has not changed. Mr. McBride, therefore, should not wait for Mr. Borden to commit the Imperial authorities to his views, but Mr. McBride should re-enact the Natal Bill, exclude Orientals and Asiatics, and thus give the only possible evidence of his previous and present sincerity on a matter so vital to the interests of labor within the province.

Premier McBride is so transparently sincere in everything he does that the Times feels confident—now that his opportunity is pointed out to him and the matter is reduced to such simplicity—he will not lose an hour of the time of the legislature in re-enacting the Natal Act.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

The Times is almost daily in receipt of communications complaining of the high cost of living and intimating that the price of foodstuffs has taken several advances during the last two months. The complaints are not confined to advances in the cost of milk alone. The publication of the letters could do no good, for the same complaint is universal throughout Canada, and the grievous situation is receiving the attention of corporate and incorporate bodies from ocean to ocean. There is nothing in the condition of commerce which justifies the sudden

rise in the cost of living. Nor has the first cost of products entering into daily consumption risen sufficiently to justify the general advance in prices which prevails. Some other cause must be assigned for the advantage which is being taken of consumers throughout the Dominion.

What the Times wishes to point out is that during the election campaign it was argued by the Tory press—local as well as general—that a decrease in the cost of living must result in a decrease in the pay of wage-earners. It was reiterated that with lowering prices of foodstuffs wages must automatically decrease. If this was good logic there should be a reasonable expectation that, with the increase in the cost of living, wages should automatically increase. We were told with the certainty of axiomatic dictum that high prices for food meant prosperity for the people and that lower cost of living must result in desolation, unemployment, uncertain business conditions and other disasters. Should we not feel, then, that the increased cost of living is but the augury of good times for everybody and prosperity for the working classes? Perhaps the people who are paying more for food now should readjust their view of the case and consider themselves more prosperous than they were a couple of months ago. This seems but a reasonable corollary of the argument by which the consumers were persuaded to vote for a high tariff government. The electorate—or a majority of them—believed the arguments of the high tariff advocates and voted for high tariffs. With high tariffs the cost of living is bound to go up, as the combines have the situation in their own hands. They pay what they choose for products and sell for what they elect to charge; neither producers nor consumers can help themselves and the duties shut out importations. What the Times said would happen has happened, and we are not surprised. We are consoled only with the thought that the Conservative convention of the province has petitioned the government to increase the duty on fruit so that this necessary article of food may be still more costly to the consumer. For people who like that sort of thing, that sort of thing is just the sort of thing they like. We do not propose to waste sympathy on a multitude of sufferers who can be taught the logic of economic facts; only by the tax which tariffs levy upon the pocket and the purse. In common with others we must grin and bear it that the rich may be made richer at the expense of the consumers. That is all there is to it.

TAFT AND BORDEN.

The two messages of President Taft sent to congress this week have served to arouse new interest in the strength of character which is being so persistently maintained by the chief magistrate of the American people. The developments taking place in the national life of the people at our south present to each new occupant of the presidential office not only opportunities but responsibilities which test and demonstrate the metal of which he is made. If congress follows the advice of the messages already sent there will be a notable advance, not only in the war against iniquitous trust rule, but in the broader realm of international comity. Mr. Taft presents a side to his character which is becoming more fittingly prominent with each year as the necessity for a strong stand on important issues arises. Public honor and place cannot swerve him from his fealty to conscience or duty. While not unwilling to be president again, he is emphatic as to the conditions.

"I have not been willing, nor will I be, to purchase it at the sacrifice of my freedom to do my duty as I see it." The Montreal Herald satirizes Mr. Borden by comparison. It points out "that this is pure drivel. If the rule Mr. Taft lays down were a safe one, the Borden cabinet could never have been formed. Mr. Borden could not sit in the same cabinet with a man who had denounced him all over the province of Quebec. Mr. Monk could not sit in the cabinet with men whose views, as communicated to the public, are directly contrary to his own. Freedom to do one's duty? Why Mr. Pelletier, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Nantel, Mr. Rogers are free only to draw their salaries; and that, to do them justice, is what they apparently think to be most important. How is it a smart man like Mr. Taft cannot see the merits of so perfectly simple a proposition? Freedom to do his duty! What is that beside the right to hold office?"

William Taft, the weakling chosen by Mr. Roosevelt, has been a disappointment. But not to his country. The moneyed interests which accepted him are denied and within the limitations of his office Taft stands for the people. Compare the coalition at Ottawa and Canada is shamed.

Commenting on the estimates to be brought down by the finance minister at Ottawa, the Edmonton Bulletin says: The Borden cabinet has adopted the Fielding estimates for the period from September to March next, with a few small items dropped. After all the raving of the Conservative papers and members about the squandering of public money in unnecessary undertakings it might have been expected

that the new ministers would take the first opportunity to put their professed principles into action, and to prune down the expenditures to what they have claimed to think a properly modest amount. Instead, they accept the estimates drawn up by the men whom they denounced as extravagant, and ask parliament to pass these on their assurance that the objects of the expenditure are good and that the amounts proposed are reasonable.

Speaker Sproule headed off a private bill relating to banking; he held that the bill must be preceded by a resolution—which means that unless a majority of the members agree to the resolution the bill cannot be introduced. This is the inference drawn from the ruling by the Edmonton Bulletin. The ruling is taken as a sign that private bills aimed to affect trade and commerce are to be disallowed so far as a strict interpretation of the Parliamentary rules can accomplish this. Otherwise there might one of these days be a bill brought in having to do with the merged bankers of the government. The "interests" are not in politics for amusement.

The feasibility of operating automobiles on the White Horse-Dawson mail trail in mild weather is being satisfactorily demonstrated by Supt. Wheeler, who lately completed a round trip in the company's auto between this place and Yukon Crossing, covering four posts on the last day's run, eighty-six miles in nine and a half hours, says the White Horse Star. While the weather at this time was not excessively cold—not more than ten degrees below zero—it is believed the run could be made had it been very much colder. The successful use of automobiles on the winter mail trail emphasizes the need of that proposed trunk line through the territory.

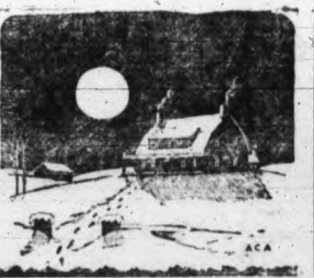
The Tory headman at Ottawa, acting under instructions from his spies in all parts of the country, is wielding the axe with a will upon the necks of civil servants. The case of Mr. O'Connell in Victoria is but a sample of what is taking place in all parts of Canada. No doubt in other cases as in the local one, the victims are amongst the most efficient of public servants. But what can one expect? Ministers have surrendered their principles and sunk their personal antipathies, in accordance with Canadian Tory tradition, for the sake of office and salary. The rank and file cannot be expected to forego their share of the spoils of power.

The Ottawa Citizen affirms that it was not decided at the recent military conference at Ottawa that the pay of Canadian militiamen is to be increased. It says what was approved was the adoption of a flat rate of pay which would mean an increase of about \$1 per annum for militiamen. There is evidently something still wrong with the telegraph wires that bring dispatches from Ottawa to Victoria Tory newspapers. Or else it happens in the local offices.

We are not yet exactly accustomed to it in Canada, but the excellent influence of the scholarly and scientific Minister of Agriculture will bring us round to it. "Practical Pomologist" is the eclectic title by which the new minister authorizes himself to be advertised at semi-official functions.

THE PASSING OF SUMMER.

Fair summer's fading, and from those bright eyes,
Deep-set and sweetly sad, her love out-
goes;
Her face lights up in brief resplendent
glows,
And bending low, she kisses ere she dies
The close-cropped fields where drowsy
cattle graze.
The grass-grown paths, the fruited
boughs that nod,
The asters blue, the burnished golden-
rod,
Before her face the hills grow dim in
haze;
Then throwing down her arms she takes
The slender maples, in a close em-
brace,
A passionate, silent moan, and for one
seas
Her life-blood spread o'er all like filmy
lace.
The hills, the fields, the forests hide a
tear,
And autumn sadly kneels beside the hier,
Mary S. Edgar, in the December Canadian Magazine.



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MEN'S OVERCOATS—These come in tweeds, meltons, heavy-weights and cravenettes, in a great variety of shades and patterns. There are velvet, plain and two-way collars to choose from, and every garment is a credit to the ready-to-wear trade. In fact they closely resemble the made to order coat. All sizes are here, at prices starting at \$25 and range down to **\$7.50**

MEN'S TROUSERS—These come in blue and black worsteds, fancy worsteds, in a variety of colors, tweeds in many mixtures, also some smart stripes and broken check effects. We can fit you without a doubt and you are sure of finding a material and price that will please you in this lot. Prices start at \$1.50 and range up to **\$7.50**

MEN'S HOUSE COATS—One of the largest and best assortments that we have ever had is here for you to choose from, and no matter how hard you may be to please, you are sure of finding a coat that will please you in this lot. There are over thirty shades and patterns to choose from in the following materials, and all sizes in each line. Fancy cashmeres, merinos and heavy eiderdowns, ranging in value from \$18 down to **\$4.75**

DRESSING GOWNS AND BATH ROBES—A large assortment here for you to choose from in blanket cloths, towelings, broadened and heavy merino wools and finished with cord trimmings. Prices from \$25 down to **\$4.75**

MEN'S HATS AND CAPS FOR 1912—We have just opened up a shipment of these goods imported direct from the best manufacturers of fur felt hats. There are shades of blacks, browns, slate, greens, greys and fawns to choose from in many interesting shapes. Prices start at \$5 and range down to **\$1.75**

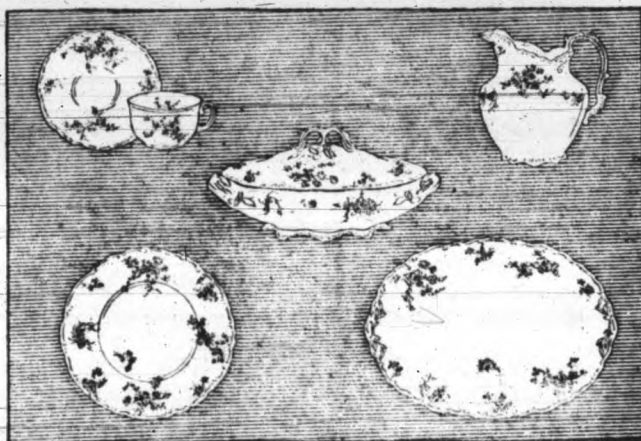
Suggestions for Christmas from the China Department

CHINA TEA SETS—There is a very large variety to choose from—in fact we have never had so large a stock. They come in so many shapes and styles of decoration that it is hard to give you any real idea of their appearance or values. Forty-piece sets, at prices ranging from \$25 down to **\$3.50**

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA SETS—All complete with a China tray to match, at prices ranging from \$5.75 down to, per set, **\$1.00**

21-PIECE TEA SETS—Made of good Austrian china. There are ten different patterns here for you to choose from, all in fancy floral effects. Per set **\$1.90**

BERRY SETS OF SEVEN PIECES—These are made of fine Japanese china, hand painted in many beautiful designs. The set consists of one large bowl and six small dishes. Per set, \$2.50 and **\$2.00**



97-PIECE DINNER SETS, made of best English semi-porcelain, in new and useful shapes. A variety of neat designs to choose from in this lot, and all are rare values at set, \$17.50, \$15, **\$12.90**

AUSTRIAN/CHINA DINNER SETS—These are 97-piece sets, in neat and useful shapes, with a small floral border effect, in pink and blue. Per set **\$17.50**

TOILET SETS of 10 pieces, made of high grade English semi-porcelain. These are a new line that have just been unpacked, and represent rare values for the money invested. Per set, from \$13.75 down to **\$2.50**

HAND-PAINTED CUPS AND SAUCERS—These are a specially good quality and are handsomely decorated. Your choice from a variety of designs at, per pair **50c**



Hair Growth Demonstration on Saturday

On Saturday in our Patent Medicine department a special demonstration of Armour's Supertar Shampoo Soap, in conjunction with Lambert's Hair Growth, will be given by an expert in hair treatment. Come and see for yourself the luxuriant tresses grown by the demonstrator, with systematic treatment and proper usage of a good hair grower and scalp cleaner. A special showing of Armour's high class Toilet Soaps and specialties is on view and the demonstrator will be pleased to give full information concerning them.



Seasonable Underwear for Women on Sale Saturday

ALL WOOL VESTS—These have high necks, long sleeves and come in colors white and natural. All sizes at, per garment **\$1.00**

ALL WOOL DRAWERS, to match the above vests. Per garment **\$1.25**

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COTTON COMBINATIONS—These are ankle length, and have long sleeves. In white only, per garment, \$1.15, **\$1.00**

WOOL COMBINATIONS, with long sleeves and ankle length. These are light weight garments. Price \$1.85 and **\$1.75**

An Interesting List from the Book and Stationery Department

Christmas Cards and Calendars
Large assortment—
Cards, each, 25c, 5c, 10c, 15c,
20c, and **25c**
Calendars each, 15c, 20c, 25c,
35c, 50c, 60c, 75c and **\$1.00**

Christmas Seals, per pk. **5c**

Christmas Tags, each **10c**

Christmas Stationery—In artistic boxes, at, each, 35c and **25c**

Christmas Postcards, each, 1c, 25c and **5c**

Christmas Crepe Paper—With decorated designs. Per roll **10c**

Crepe Paper, per roll **10c**

Full Line of Titles by Mrs. Hodgson Burnett

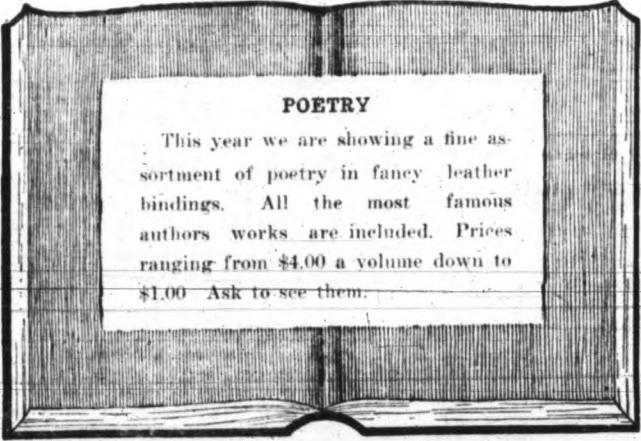
Henty Books for Boys **50c**

Herbert Strang Books for Boys, each, \$1.50 to **60c**

Pallantyne Books for Boys **40c**

Kington Books for Boys **50c**

Alger Books for Boys **25c**



POETRY
This year we are showing a fine assortment of poetry in fancy leather bindings. All the most famous authors works are included. Prices ranging from \$4.00 a volume down to \$1.00. Ask to see them.

Postcard Albums, \$2.00 to **20c**

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Photo Frames, each, \$1 and **50c**

1912 Diaries, each \$2.00 to **40c**

Waterman Fountain Pens, each, from \$10.00 to **\$2.50**

Boys' Own Annual **\$1.75**

Girls' Own Annual **\$1.75**

Sunday **\$1.25**

Scout Annual **\$1.75**

Chums **\$1.75**

Young Canada **\$1.25**

Canadian Boys' Annual **\$1.50**

Canadian Girls' Annual **\$1.50**

Empire Annual for Boys **\$1.00**

Empire Annual for Girls **\$1.00**

Little Folks' Annual **\$1.00**

Father Tuck's Annual **\$1.25**

Chatterbox **75c**

Red Books for Boys **75c**

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Special in Women's Moirette Skirts at Clearance Prices on Saturday

MOIRETTE AND HEATHERBLOOM UNDERSKIRTS of good quality, full skirt finished with frilled and pleated flounce and fasten at the back with a drawstring. The colors are claret, green, pink, blue and lavender. Sizes 38, 40 and 42. Regularly sold at \$2.50. Saturday, each **\$1.00**

MOIRETTE SKIRTS—These are a new style, suitable for the narrow fitting walking skirt. They fasten at the side with patent clips, have a drawstring to pull them in at the back and are finished with box pleated and accordion pleated flounces. The colors are green, black, navy and brown, and are in 39 and 40 inch lengths. Price, each **\$1.50**

TOY DEPARTMENT—A Special for Sat.—100 Folding Buggies at Each 75c

These have strong steel frames and strong wood or steel wheels and the body is a good leatherette in colors dark red, tan or green. There are few toys that will please the little girl better than these and they are a good value even at their regular value, \$1, but we will sell 100 on Saturday at, each **75c**

DOLLS' HOUSES—Here are many styles to choose from, all models of modern houses, some being fitted with elevators. Prices start at **\$2.50**

MODEL RAILROADS—There is one of the most complete selections that you could wish to see in the toy fair to-day, some having a complete station outfit. They are all strong and reliable clockwork toys, and as there are numerous styles and prices to choose from we invite your inspection. Prices start as low as **25c**

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—S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty, phone Inspector Russell, No. 1921.

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—Have them in "Sepia"—your Xmas Photographs—and of course, taken at the Skene-Lowe Studio, corner Douglas and Yates streets. Do it now and half your Xmas worries will be over.

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We advertise "Better Clothes" and our Fall Suits show that we have a right to do so. Allen & Co., "Fit-Reform," 904 Government Street.

"Our Regiment."—The Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Company presented "Our Regiment," a clever comedy by Henry Hamilton, at Temple's hall, Victoria West, last night before a large audience which was kept in continual laughter. A display of dramatic talent was shown that received well merited applause. The stage setting, the scenery and the dressing of the comedy were well-handled and added in no small measure to the marked success of the production.

New Companies.—Certificates of incorporation have been granted during the week to A. R. Johnston Co., Ltd.; Bowman Investment Company, Ltd.; Conington Townsite Company, Ltd.; E. T. Kingsley, Ltd.; Higgins, Fisher & Co., Ltd.; Hosmer Industrial Association, Ltd.; John M. Chappell, Ltd.; Kydd Bros., Ltd.; Lytton Hotel Company, Ltd.; Occidental Homes, Ltd.; Rosalia Mining Company, Ltd. (non-personal liability); St. James, Limited; Van Anda Water Company, Ltd.; Vancouver Island Farm Land Company, Ltd.; Western Dominion Land and Investment, Ltd. Licenses have been issued to the following extra-provincial companies: British Columbia Farms Association, Ltd.; Dinnely, Watson & Brown Company, Ltd.; Prudential Trust Company, Ltd.; Walter Blue & Co., Ltd. Extra-provincial companies registered are Hibbard, Stewart Company, Phil L. Serwe & Co., Inc., Washington Brick, Lime and Sewer Pipe Sales Company.

Books to Buy

The Clay, by Cynthia Stockley. Poppy. Life Everlasting, Marie Correll. Ship's Company, W. W. Jacobs. The Ship of Coral, de Vere Stack-pool. The Case of Richard Maynell, by Mrs. Humphrey Clementine, by Locke. Members of the Family, Owen. The N'er do Well, Rex Beach.

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Prince Rupert leaves Victoria on Mondays at 10 a. m.

Princess Victoria leaves Vancouver daily, except Tuesday, at 10 a. m., arriving Victoria at 2:30 p. m.; Princess Adelaide leaves Vancouver at 1 p. m. daily, arriving Victoria at 6 p. m.

Victoria-Seattle.

Princess Victoria leaves Victoria daily, except Monday, at 4:30 p. m., arriving Seattle at 10 p. m.; Princess Charlotte leaves Seattle daily, except Monday, at 9 a. m., arriving at Victoria, 1:15 p. m. On the lay-over day the steamer Inouga, of the Alaska-Pugot-Cound Navigation Co., fills the schedule.

Prince Rupert leaves Victoria on Sundays at 10 a. m.

Vancouver-Seattle.

Princess Charlotte leaves Vancouver daily, except Sunday, at 11 p. m., arriving Seattle, 8 a. m.; Princess Victoria leaves Seattle daily, except Monday, at 11:30 p. m., arriving at Vancouver at 8 a. m.

The new gray and brown fabrics in our Fall Suits are very handsome, and new features in the cut are striking. Allen & Co., "Fit-Reform," 904 Government Street.

Offers Reward.—A reward of \$200 is offered by Henry Callow for information leading to the discovery of his wife who disappeared so mysteriously on the night of Saturday, November 18.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting.—A very interesting and instructive paper was given at the last meeting of the B. Y. P. U. by Miss Margaret Clarke on "The Enthronement of Christ." The meeting on Monday next will be equally interesting. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Big Sale of Plants.—G. J. Bagshawe, nurseryman, Foul Bay Road, recently made a big sale of chrysanthemums and stelia to Brown Bros., of Vancouver, who have just acquired the Fairview Nursery. The lot consisted of twelve thousand plants of chrysanthemums and one "of stelia."

Tenders for Dwellings.—Tenders are being called by the department of the naval service for the erection of dwelling houses at the wireless stations at Prince Rupert, Cape Lazo and Foul Bay. Specifications and plans can be seen at the office of the district superintendent, Government wireless service.

"Dutch Auction."—Court Maple Leaf, A. O. F., will hold a "Dutch Auction" in Foresters hall, to-night. The proceeds will be devoted to the augmentation of the fund which is being raised among the local forestry courts in aid of a member of the juvenile branch, who recently lost his arm as the result of a shooting accident.

Interesting Debate.—A very interesting debate was held by the Victoria Debating Society at the Y. M. C. A. last evening. The subject was: "Resolved that single tax will more effectively solve the social problem than Socialism." The affirmative was handled by Messrs. Woodward and Thomas and the negative by Messrs. Steele and Lee. Some good points were made on both sides, the affirmative being adjudged the winner. Attendance was not as large as it might have been owing to the change of meeting place.

Publicity for Honolulu.—The Honolulu Promotion committee sent literature and colored advertising matter for the great spring carnival in May to the Vancouver Island Development League for circulation, and by arrangement with the same for the local organization. The Sackatoon Co-operative Realty Company have written for literature for distribution, and among the private correspondents is an inquiry from Belfast dealing with the prospects for employment in connection with a firm of timber agents in this province.

Documents All Right.—Apropos of the recent fire in the government building at Prince Rupert, a newspaper just received from the G. T. P. town, says: "The registry office vault was opened this morning and its contents found intact. Alex Yule, with an assistant, was at work all yesterday on the iron work of the outer casing and this morning soon after 8 o'clock had it unfastened. A hurried inspection by Registrar Burritt disclosed the contents to be all right. These are being removed to-day to the Continental Trust Company's building. The bottom step of the vault was found to be of wood instead of concrete."



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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 8.—5 a. m.—The pressure is still high over the north Pacific states and low over the Canadian provinces. Fresh to strong southerly gales have prevailed on the straits and outside waters and heavy rains have fallen on the coast, owing to low trouble no eastern reports have been received this m.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly winds, with rain and stationary or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland—Moderate to fresh winds, unsettled with rain and stationary or lower temperature.

Reports at 5 a. m.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.03; temperature 47; minimum 46; wind, N.E. 12 miles; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.92; temperature 46; minimum 46; wind, E. 19 miles; rain, .20; weather, cloudy.

Portland Ore.—Barometer, 30.18; temperature 48; minimum 44; wind, S. 8 miles; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.08; temperature 46; minimum 46; wind, S. 26 miles; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.19; temperature 48; minimum 45; wind, S.W. 4 miles; weather, clear.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m.; noon and 5 p. m.

Temperature.

Highest 47; Lowest 46; Average 46.5; Rain, .04 inch; General state of weather, showery.

Provincial Appointments.—At points mentioned by the provincial government this week. Are those of Ernest T. W. Pearce, Kamloops, as stipendiary magistrate for the county of Cariboo, and Perry Douglas Roe, Port Moody, as a justice of the peace.

Midland Concert Company.—A concert by the Midland Concert Company was given in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night. The performers who took part and whose work was greatly appreciated by the audience, were: F. M. Macracken, soprano; Miss A. R. Lang, violinist; Miss S. R. Bates, reader.

Brief Suggestions FOR THE LADY

LADIES' GLOVES

PERRIN'S GLOVES—The name "Perrin" stands for all that is perfect in gloves, both as to quality and fit. R. & A.'s "Kensington" special, a soft, fine kid glove which we show in black, tan, white and colors, with two dome fasteners. This glove cannot be equalled anywhere in Canada at our price, which is **\$1.25**

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LADIES' CASHMERE GLOVES, in black, tan, navy and brown. Special value, per pair, only **25c**

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THE NEW SIDE FRILLS—With or without collar, hosts of different patterns, which are priced at \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c and **25c**

LACE COAT COLLARS, JABOTS, DUTCH COLLARS, STOCK COLLARS AND BOWS, at prices ranging from \$1.25 down to **25c**

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LADIES' FANCY COLORED HOSE—in all colors. "Llama" PURE WOOL HOSE—ors. Two pairs to the box. Per box, \$1.15. Every pair marked "Llama." Two pairs in a box and **50c**

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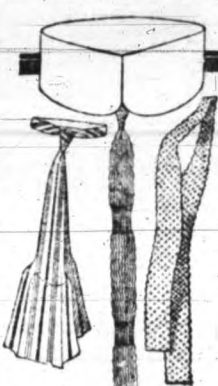
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F. A. SPARKS REFEREE FOR M'KECHNIE GAME

Both Teams in Good Shape—
Victoria Confident of Victory Over Vancouver

F. A. Sparks of the Mt. Tolmie University School, has been chosen to referee to-morrow's McKechnie Cup Rugby game at Oak Bay between Vancouver and Victoria. The game will start promptly at 2:30.

Both teams are in good shape and a splendid battle should be the result. Supreme confidence is felt by local enthusiasts that Victoria will win. Their confidence is based on something pretty solid this time for the forward line is 50 per cent. stronger than it was two weeks ago, and the entire team is working like a machine.

The Vancouvers held a good practice yesterday. The players are named as follows: Scully, will all make the trip except McLoone, who will be replaced by Ross. It was finally decided not to take a chance on the long trip around by Seattle, and the team will arrive here on this afternoon's boat. The team:

Vancouver—Full back, Underhill; reserve, McGilgus; three-quarters, Sawers, Johnston, McRoberts, Ross; half backs, Kenning, H. Scully; reserve, Luke; forward, Leggett (capt.), Thomas Holywood, Durant, R. Bennett, Scott, Grey, Stacy; reserves, Chaffey, McClellan, Smith.

Victoria—Full back, "Boss" Johnson; three-quarters, Gallacher, Stewart, Ogden, Martin; half backs, Newcombe, Rich; forwards, R. Gillespie, S. Gillespie, H. Hickey, Carstairs, Straker, Simpson, Sweeney, Houston. Reserves: Three-quarters, Shires, Beckton; half back, Morton; forwards, Miller, Jeffs, Browns, Day.

VANCOUVER DROPS FROM B. C. LEAGUE

With Con Jones Away Mainlanders Will Not Play Provincial Football

Vancouver will not be represented in the British Columbia Football League this season, unless something unforeseen happens before the end of the year. Con Jones, who was at the back of the Vancouver club in the provincial series last year has notified the Vancouver and District League delegates by letter that he is out of soccer for the season as he is going back east. To put everything in a nutshell this means that there will be no provincial series this year so far as Vancouver is concerned, but the Vancouver and District League will try to arrange inter-league games with the three Island teams in the British Columbia League about February. Secretary J. H. Hail of the Vancouver League, was instructed to write the three Island teams the last regular meeting of the league, asking for information regarding an inter-league series when the Vancouver and District League is finished. The idea of the delegates being to play a home-and-home game series for the championship of British Columbia.

SO CER MEETING.

Players Regraded and Transferred in Some of To-morrow's Teams.

At a meeting of the Victoria and District Soccer Association last evening Roy McKittrick, of the Wests, was reggraded from the first to the second division, and James Sharp, of the Wests, was granted his transfer to the James Bays. L. Chapman's application for transfer from the Wests to the Garrison intermediate team was left over for consideration at the next meeting of the association. Some of to-morrow's teams follow:

James Bay—Goal, Le Leves; fullbacks, Sheriff and Lorimer; halfbacks, Mitchell, Ismay, Gerrard; forwards, Allan, Manser, Pilkington, Matthews and Rothwell.

James Bay (second division)—Goal, Falconer; fullbacks, Wilson and Greig; halfbacks, O'Rourke, Middleton and Cooley; forwards, Thomas, Middleton, Morrison, Harper and Totty.

Foresters—Goal, Vettel; fullbacks, Cunningham and Welch; halfbacks, Young, Saul and Nixon; forwards, Patterson, Stafford, Stewart, Inglis and McLeod. Reserves, Davies, Doig and Stronach.

The Sons of England team will be selected from the following: Loveridge, Hynes, Perry, Maxwell, C. Martin, Greenhough, Waring, Kelsall, Douglas, Thomas, Wedgewood, Thackery, J. Martin and Brown.

MOOSE IN LEAD.

Commercial League Bowling Series Becoming Exciting Towards Finish.

The Moose team grabbed two games from the Miners last evening and strengthened their lead in the Commercial series. To-night the Priests and Strikers, second and third, respectively, in the standing, will do battle. The scores:

Moose	1	2	3	Tot.
Graves	198	171	246	615
Brooks	167	128	175	470
Aaronson	176	160	121	457
Ockerman	139	149	132	420
Brewster	171	162	198	531
Totals	871	775	872	2518

Miners	1	2	3	Tot.
Nichol	161	159	171	491
Renard	181	164	149	494
Ritter	150	150	150	450
Greenhill	132	103	108	343
Pickering	185	228	149	562
Totals	809	804	727	2340

ICE HOCKEY TEAMS ALMOST COMPLETE

Westminster Still Lacks Two Players—The Line-Up—Conflicting Reports

All reports in the morning Colonist to the contrary notwithstanding, Odie Cleghorn will not play for Victoria's ice hockey team, nor will Harris, of Kenora. Neither are Skinner-Paulin nor Tommy Dundardale going to play for Vancouver.

The complete personnel of the teams, except in the case of Westminster, were given out in Vancouver yesterday, and are as follows:

Vancouver—Bun Clark, goal; Frank Patrick, point; St. Griffiths, cover-point; Tom Phillips, Newsy Lalonde, J. Disette, S. Nicolls, forwards.

Victoria—Bert Lindsay, goal; Lester Patrick, point; Walter Small, cover-point; Bobby Rowe, Donald Smith, Tommy Dundardale, Skinner-Paulin, forwards.

New Westminster—Hugh Lehmann, goal; Ernie Johnson, point; Jimmy Gardner, cover-point; H. Hyland, Frank Glass, forwards. Negotiations are pending with two other eastern players.

VICTORIA SELECTED FOR OPENING GAME

Pacific Coast Ice Hockey Association is Organized—Schedule Drafted

Representatives from Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria met in Vancouver last evening and organized the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey Association, with teams in the three cities named. A schedule was drafted and officers elected. Victoria was honored with the opening game on January 2.

As New Westminster has no rink this winter the Royals' home games will be played in the other Mainland city, making in all thirteen matches for Vancouver and nine for Victoria. Two extra matches, which do not appear in the schedule, will be played between Vancouver and New Westminster at the end of the season, if the championship is affected.

At the close of the season the winning team will go after the Stanley Cup, despite the action of the N.H.A. in reducing the eastern teams to six men. The Pacific Coast Association will retain the old seven-man formation.

The officers elected follow: President, W. P. Irving, Vancouver; vice-president, P. W. Luce, New Westminster; secretary, A. J. Small, Vancouver; directors, Dr. Doherty, New Westminster; Lester Patrick, Victoria; W. C. Morrey, Victoria; Frank A. Patrick, Vancouver.

The schedule of games: Jan. 2, Westminster at Victoria; Jan. 5, Vancouver at Westminster; Jan. 9, Victoria at Vancouver; Jan. 12, Vancouver at Victoria; Jan. 16, Victoria at Westminster; Jan. 19, Westminster at Vancouver; Jan. 23, Westminster at Victoria; Jan. 26, Victoria at Vancouver; Jan. 30, Victoria at Westminster; Feb. 2, Vancouver vs. Westminster at Victoria; Feb. 6, Vancouver at Westminster; Feb. 9, Vancouver at Victoria; Feb. 12, Victoria at Vancouver; Feb. 16, Westminster at Victoria; Feb. 20, Westminster at Vancouver; Feb. 23, Victoria at Westminster; Feb. 27, Vancouver at Victoria; March 1, Victoria at Vancouver; March 5, Westminster at Vancouver; March 8, Westminster at Victoria; March 12, Victoria at Westminster; March 15, Vancouver at Victoria.

SPORT NOTES

It is reported now that Ad. Wolgast's quarrelsome appendix will keep him out of the ring at least six months. By that time the difference in weight between him and McFarland may be the other way.

With the world's series decided only five weeks ago, the call has gone out among the big league players to get ready for spring practice. This baseball pastime is a merry-go-round.

It is the plan of the English Olympic committee to hold the tryouts for the games in Sweden next year early in May, and the annual track and field championships in June. The combined meet of the colleges and A. A. A. will be held next month in London.

At a meeting of the employees of the N. P. R. last night the N. P. R. Amateur Athletic Association, of Tacoma, was organized. The object of the organization is to further every branch of clean athletic sport. Baseball, football, boxing, wrestling, basketball, indoor baseball and other sports will be taken up. The association will pay particular attention to baseball and will form a league of six teams.

High school and South Park clash in the "ruler 16" school football league to-morrow. Should the High school win they will practically have clinched the championship.

The Ottawa Hockey Club is negotiating for the signing of Jack Walker, the cover of last year's Port Arthur team. Walker was the shining light of the Port Arthur seven when they came last in quest of the Stanley cup. The Ottawas are also seeking a Calgary forward, who was recommended by Hamby Shore, and may have both men for the opening game.

This evening at 8 o'clock the local branch of the B. C. A. A. U. will hold a meeting at the J. B. A. A. club. All delegates are asked to be present.

The annual meeting of the Island Amateur Soccer League will be called for some evening next week. Two or three teams from Victoria and as many from up-Island points are expected to enter for the Morley cup.

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MANY AMERICAN ATHLETES GOING

Accommodation for 100 Reserved at Scene of the 1912 Olympic Games

New York, Dec. 8.—That America will be represented by a large as well as a select team of champions at the Olympic games next summer was evidenced when James E. Sullivan, chairman of the American Olympic committee, called to the Swedish authorities to reserve accommodation for a hundred Americans during the games.

While accommodations were reserved for a hundred, Mr. Sullivan made it plain that he expected to send a larger team. He made that number the minimum of Americans to make the trip.

"I called for that many reservations," said Mr. Sullivan, "and I think it is a conservative estimate. Judging from the amount of money already subscribed, I think that we will send at least that number. What we want to do is to sweep the boards. To do that we need a big team, and if the American people are generous enough we will be able to select enough champions to carry off the honors in every event."

Of the winning honors in the track and field meet I have no doubt. Two dozen of our champions can do that, but we will need all the men we can get to carry away the honors. I look for the foreign teams to be stronger than ever next year, and that means that we must take no chances.

And there are followers of other sports who want to see their favorites carry off honors. Bicycle riders, tennis players, swimmers, fencers, trackmen, football players, gymnasts, rowmen and wrestlers in this country are as good as any in the world, and if we can get enough money to enable them to make the trip, I think we will win honors in every event.

To date more than \$6,000 has been subscribed, and nearly twice that much has been promised. J. Pierpont Morgan is among those who has sent in his cheque. He donated \$500. Col. Robert Thompson, president of the New York Athletic Club, has subscribed \$1,000. Smaller amounts have been donated by many others, and reports from all over the country say that the \$50,000 desired by the American committee will be raised before the time for the departure of the team.

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BUSY TIME AT JOHN P.'S.

Shawnigan Lake Team Plays Lady-smith Sunday—John a Writer.

John P. Sweeney is making things hum at his popular lake resort. He has attracted the Lady-smith football team by an offer of a good game Sunday, and fully anticipates a continuation of his winning streak. A week from Sunday his team will play the Wards.

John is also organizing a basketball team and if it appears, the leader in the move to form an Island basketball league. That being the case there is every likelihood of the league becoming a reality, for if anyone can get it started John P. can.

John P. writes about sport in British Columbia for Spalding's Athletic Guide. Provincial athletes may now rest assured that they will get all that is coming to them and perhaps a little more in the way of fame.

OPEN SCHOOL WINDOWS.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Decided benefits derived from open window schools were today shown in statistics placed in the hands of Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Ella Flagg Young. According to the reports, twenty children, ranging in age from ten to thirteen years, pupils in one of the north side schools, were shown to have gained a total of 106 pounds, or five and three-tenths pounds each in the last three months. The open air schools were instituted by Mrs. Young and the experiment is being tried in four schools.

The public buildings of England alone are valued at a sum approaching £50,000,000.

WILL DIE FROM INJURIES.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 8.—Testing an automobile on which he had just made repairs, George Knox, a chauffeur, collided with the rear end of a heavily-laden lumber wagon on the South Tacoma boulevard last evening. He was thrown ten feet into the air and fell upon his back in the middle of the road, receiving injuries that the doctors say will prove fatal.

BLAZE CAUSES PANIC.

Hancock, Mich., Dec. 8.—The first Christmas tree blaze of the year occurred here to-day. At the Atlantic school, where

teachers had prepared a tree and a programme of exercises, the evergreen branches caught fire and a panic ensued. Two teachers fainted, but the flames were extinguished with small damage.

The Paris theatres give away an average of \$500 free tickets daily.

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STERLING SILVER MATCH BOXES, each, \$4.50 and **\$2.00**
STERLING SILVER SETS, brush and comb in handsomely lined boxes, \$15 to **\$8.00**
THREE-PIECE EBONY SETS, satin lined cases, brush, comb and mirror. Per set, **\$10.00**
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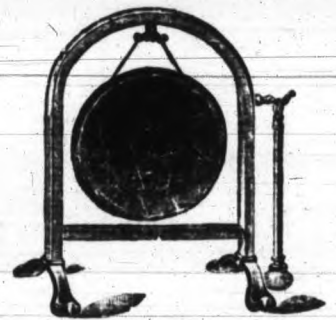
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Form Conference "For Panama Canal Free Tolls for American Commerce"

American shipping men are determined to increase their mercantile fleet and have launched a movement for free Panama Canal tolls for vessels flying the Stars and Stripes. If the government conceded to the wishes of this new organization it will mean that ships flying the British flag will be placed at a disadvantage in competing for the trade. The Americans hope that this plan will cause many of the leading British and foreign steamship companies, who intend operating a line of vessels via the canal, to register their ships under the United States flag and thereby build up a mercantile fleet which will rival Great Britain's, their sole ambition in this world.

A movement for free Panama canal tolls for American ships took definite shape yesterday at Washington, D. C., when representatives of commercial organizations on the Pacific and Atlantic coast cities and some cities in the Mississippi valley formed an association which has been given the name of "Conference For Panama Canal Free Tolls For American Commerce."

Joseph N. Tied, Portland, Ore., has been made acting chairman and W. A. Means, of Seattle, secretary of the conference. At yesterday's meeting of the

SPECIAL SCHEDULES FOR HOLIDAY WEEKS

G. T. P. Arrange Sailings of Prince Rupert to Convenience the Public

For the convenience of the travelling public, and incidentally to afford the officers and crew of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Barney Johnson, an opportunity to spend Christmas with their families in this city, the officials of the steamship company have arranged to alter the two sailings of the vessel on December 25 and New Year's day. The changes will be of great benefit to residents of Vancouver, who desire to spend the holidays in Victoria amongst their relatives. Prince Rupert people will also be convenience by the new sailings.

Capt. C. H. Nicholson, superintendent of the company, has advised W. E. Duperow, the local passenger agent, that the Prince Rupert will sail from Prince Rupert on Thursday night, December 21, at 8:30 o'clock, and reach Vancouver on Saturday morning, instead of leaving the G. T. P. terminal on Friday morning and arriving at Vancouver Saturday night. The steamer will remain at Vancouver until midday Saturday, when she will come here and make her regular run to Seattle. Upon returning from the Sound on Monday morning at 6 o'clock, instead of going on to Vancouver at 10 o'clock, the Rupert will be here until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

As a result of this Vancouver resi-



CARRYING ORIENTAL CARGO ACROSS GULF

Princess Ena Loading Freight at Outer Docks—Awa Maru Clears for Seattle

As soon as the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Awa Maru, Capt. Iriawa, vacated her berth at the Outer Docks this morning the C. P. R. steamer Princess Ena tied up and commenced to load the majority of the freight discharged from the Japanese steamship. The Maru arrived here early yesterday morning and remained until late this morning before she had unloaded the 1,800 tons of cargo consigned to Victoria.

About 20,000 boxes of Japanese oranges are being taken on by the Ena as well as several hundred tons of Oriental freight. It is expected that the C. P. R. vessel will clear for Vancouver late to night. While some of the cargo is for merchants in the Terminal City the bulk of it is bound through to eastern cities. The Maru reached Seattle about 4 o'clock this afternoon and immediately commenced to unload her silk shipment valued at half a million dollars consigned to New York.

Carrying a full cargo of wheat, flour and machinery, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Tacoma Maru, Capt. Yamamoto, will leave port tomorrow afternoon for the Orient. She is now completing her outward bound cargo at Tacoma and will arrive here about four in the afternoon. The Tacoma Maru has experienced the same trouble as all the other Oriental boats in trying to accommodate all the freight which is offering for shipment across the Pacific. She is leaving several hundred tons of cargo at Tacoma for the next steamship of the line.

The Panama Maru is expected to arrive here next Wednesday, from the Far East and is bringing 800 tons of freight for Victoria. She has also a large number of stowage passengers for this port.

CARGO SHIFTS AS LONSDALE ROLLS

WEATHERS BAD GALE OFF CAPE MENDICINO

Heavy Storms Off Coast—Forced to Leave Mazatlan Twice During Typhoons

When rolling heavily in a strong southeast gale off Cape Mendocino two days ago the cargo of the Canadian-Mexican liner Lonsdale, Capt. Bates, which arrived in port this morning, shifted and it was with some difficulty that it stowed back in its former place. The steamship had but 500 tons of freight and in the heavy beam seas the Lonsdale rolled heavily and shipped large quantities of water over her bulwarks. When struck by one heavy sea the vessel took a list and when she rolled to right herself, Capt. Bates sent one of the officers below to examine the cargo. When he ascertained that the freight had shifted he ordered the crew to restow it and nothing further resulted.

Describing the trip, Capt. Bates states that after leaving Salina Cruz fine weather was encountered until off Mendocino, when a nasty southeast gale sprang up and a beam sea commenced to toss the ship about. The wind continued to blow from the south-east until the vessel was abreast of Cape Blanco, when it suddenly veered around to the northwest. The seas were running tremendously high and the old packet was pitching and rolling about in every conceivable manner off Cape Flattery yesterday afternoon another southeast gale set in and the

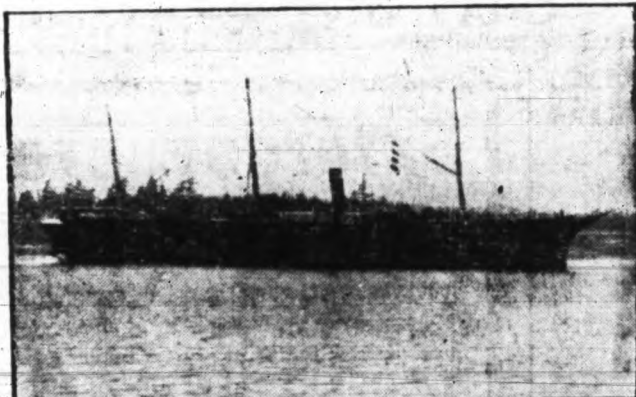
NOW LOADING CARGO FOR MEXICAN PORTS

Steamship Beckenham at Nanaimo—Taking on Coal—Croydon Full Up

About next Friday or Saturday the steamship Beckenham, Capt. Gow, under charter to the Canadian-Mexican Pacific Steamship Company, will sail from this port for Salina Cruz. She cleared from Vancouver yesterday morning for Nanaimo to load 4,000 tons of coal, of which 2,000 tons are for Mazatlan and the remainder for Guaymas and the southern terminal. Since the Beckenham arrived at the Terminal City last week she loaded 500 tons of box shooks, 3,000 cases of salmon and 50 barrels of whale oil. It is expected that she will have completed taking on her large consignment of coal by next Friday morning.

Late last night the steamship Croydon, of the Australian Mail line, arrived at Vancouver from Sound ports to complete her cargo for the Antipodes. After taking on all the freight offering at the mainland port, the Croydon will proceed to Comox to load bunker coal and then pass out to sea. Owing to the large amount of cargo which continued to arrive at Tacoma from interior points by rail the vessel was delayed in clearing from the Sound. Just before the Croydon left Tacoma five carloads of lumber arrived and it was impossible to load it all, owing to the lack of space.

Vancouver shippers wished for additional space aboard the Croydon but it was impossible for them to secure it. The vessel is carrying an immense deckload and her holds will be crammed to the hatches when she sails for the south. The freight loaded at Tacoma consisted principally of lumber, automobiles, and electrical machinery. The latter articles are to be



MEXICAN LINER LONSDALE

Which arrived in port early this morning from Salina Cruz, and which is to undergo an extensive overhaul at Esquimalt.

vessel was fourteen days making the run north from Salina Cruz, reaching William Head last night about 9 o'clock.

While the Lonsdale was lying in Mazatlan waiting to discharge her coal cargo a typhoon swept the waterfront there. As the harbor there is only an open roadstead Capt. Bates decided that rather than take a chance at riding out the storm at anchor he would head his ship out into the open sea. For many hours the steamship weathered the storm outside while many small craft in the harbor were blown ashore. Capt. Bates states that the storm came on so suddenly that before the Lonsdale was under way the gale was blowing at a furious rate. When the storm had died down the steamship returned to her moorings, but a little later Mazatlan was visited by a similar gale and once more the vessel had to get to sea. The damage done during these two storms was not as great as that reported by Capt. Masters of the Henley, which arrived here from Salina Cruz about two weeks ago.

As soon as the Lonsdale has discharged her cargo at Vancouver she will return here and be floated into the dry-dock at Esquimalt for a survey. It is understood that extensive repairs are to be made to the steamship as she is badly in need of them. The Lonsdale brought north about 50 tons of general cargo, including 50 tons for Victoria. The freight included everything from a keg of nails to a keg of whisky.

Bringing heavy shipments of copper ore from Alaska the steamship Seward, of the Alaska Steamship Company, arrived in Seattle Wednesday. The Seward encountered heavy gales while coming down from the north.

Repairs to the fishing steamer Zapora were completed at the Hall Bros. shipbuilding yards, Seattle, Wednesday. The vessel badly damaged her keel by striking on Vash rock, Hecate strait, while bound from the fishing banks.

The four-masted schooner Irene, which grounded on Ballast Point near San Diego, Cal., yesterday while trying to enter the harbor under sail, floated off at high tide to-day. The vessel was not damaged.

Great Britain was the first country to form a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

WIRELESS REPORTS

December 8, 8 a. m.
Point Grey—Raining; wind S. E. strong; 29.70; 38; sea moderate.
Cape Lazo—Raining; wind S. E.; breeze; 29.70; 43; sea moderate.
Tatoosh—Wind W. 29 miles; 29.57; 47; sea moderate; no position. In company with Delapita, it is 10 p. m. southbound; no position. Chicago anchored off Rose Spit, at 9 p. m.
Triangle—Cloudy; wind S. W. 29.65; 36; sea rough.
Noon.
Point Grey—Overcast; wind west; 29.75; 50; sea moderate.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; wind N. W. light; 29.74; 46; sea smooth.
Tatoosh—Cloudy; squally outside; wind west 24 miles; 29.66; 47; sea rough. In, Unatilla at 8:10 a. m., at three masted barque at 10:15 a. m.
Pachena—Cloudy; wind west; 29.66; 45; sea's swell.
Estevan—Cloudy; wind west, fresh; 29.59; 48; sea rough.
Triangle—Overcast; wind N. W.; 29.13; 40; sea rough. Spoke William Joffe off Pine Island at 9 a. m., south bound.
Ikeda—Clear; wind west, light; 29.59; 45; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; wind N. W. strong; 29.40; 45; sea moderate.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; wind west; sea moderate.

DISABLED SHIP IN PORT.

Fishing Steamer Grant Towed to Seattle by Shamrock—Engine Trouble.

Seattle, Dec. 8.—In tow of the tug Shamrock, the fishing steamer Grant, which was disabled in the north, arrived in the bay last night and docked early to-day. The Grant, which is owned by the San Juan Fishing & Packing Company, after drifting helplessly for many hours, reached Alert Bay, Vancouver Island, early last Friday morning.

The vessel's engines were out of commission and she was compelled to await assistance. Fortunately the Grant was equipped with wireless apparatus and in a few hours her owners knew that she was in trouble. A tug was dispatched from Vancouver to her assistance.

The vessel was returning from the halibut fishing banks when the accident occurred and has a cargo of fish.

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collision with an unidentified French barque at 5.30 o'clock on the morning of November 25, in latitude 46 north, longitude 125 west. The schooner's bilge was carried away and considerable damage done to its bow. Immediately after the collision the barque, according to Capt. Holmes, sheered away without ascertaining whether the schooner was badly injured.

The British steamer Belle of Scotland, with a few hundred tons, proceeded to Victoria Tuesday night. While not definitely settled, it is thought she will load another cargo of general merchandise for Mexico for G. W. McNear.

The Pacific Mail freighter Algo, which has been out of commission for a long time, is to be overhauled and proceed on the run to China. The steamer Nile, recently purchased by the Pacific Mail, will also be added to this run.

It is anticipated that the rush will hold out until March, at least, possibly longer, before there is any material lessening of the volume of trans-Pacific traffic.

Nature study is being pursued with such enthusiastic application in the elementary and secondary schools of London that the gardening departments of the London County Council is being overwhelmed with requests for botanical specimens, preserved and otherwise. This part of the education of young London alone costs the county council over \$5,000 a year.



REAR-ADMIRAL KINGSMILL

Ottawa, who is on the coast on a tour of inspection.

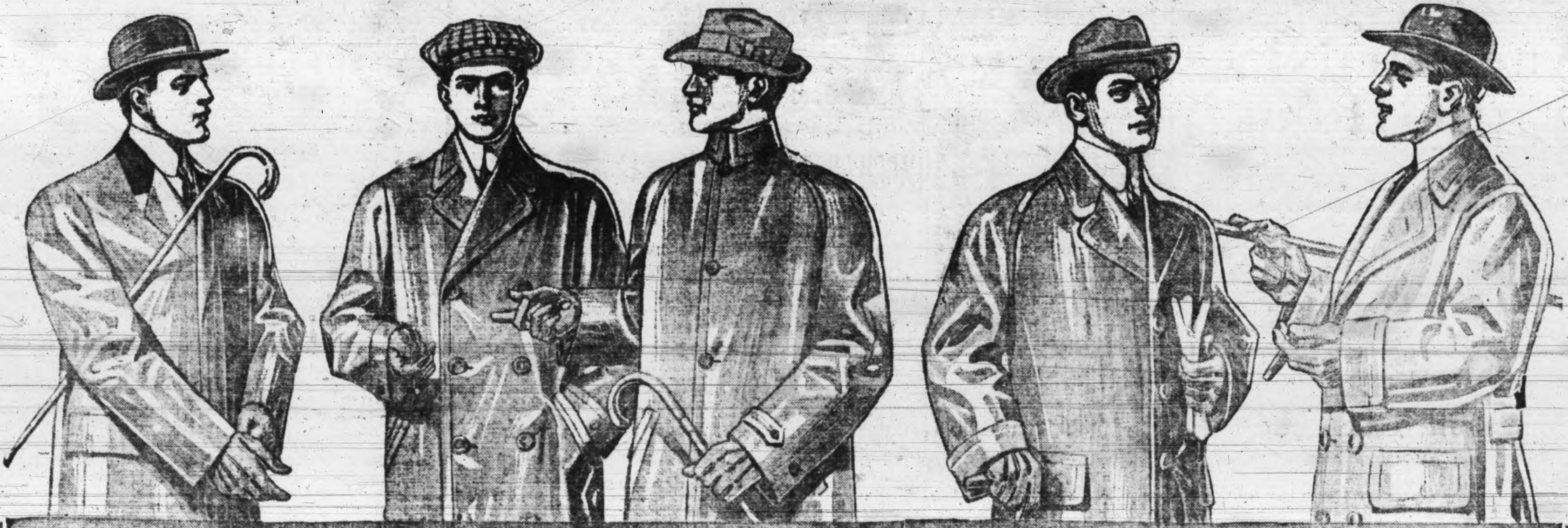
conference the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that free tolls should be granted all vessels passing through the Panama Canal flying the American flag and when flying solely between the United States, to the end that the commerce shall be stimulated; that our merchant marine be built up; the scope of distributing area of the producing sections of the country and be widened, and the cost of transportation between ports of the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific be reduced to the very lowest limits."

This resolution will be pressed on the national rivers and harbors congress for incorporation on the resolutions. Means is confident the rivers and harbors congress will decide for free tolls, although perhaps not in the exact language used above.

dents will be able to leave the Terminal City on Saturday night and spend Sunday and Monday up till 5 o'clock in this afternoon here. The officials of the Grand-Trunk Pacific announce that the same schedule will be followed out the following week in order to accommodate the travelling public. Most of the residents of Prince Rupert lived in the coast cities before going north and are desirous of spending Christmas and New Year's with old friends and relatives. The G. T. P. officials acceded to their petitions and the Rupert will bring large passenger lists south on both occasions.

The officers of the Rupert are greatly pleased at the idea of spending Christmas and New Year at home instead of being tossed about on the briny deep.



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One Parcel in 435 Gets to D. L. O. Through Carelessness in Addressing

It will be startling news to most people in Victoria, that one letter in every four hundred that is put in the mail throughout Canada finds its way to the dead letter office. It goes there either because the postage has not been prepaid, because there is no address on it or because the address is not sufficient to ensure its delivery.

The proportion is even more startling in the case of postcards, books and parcels generally. Of these one in every 185 goes to the dead letter office. So that one need not wonder so much at the non-arrival of the Christmas or birthday gift that was expected, nor blame the sender for forgetfulness.

Out of the 65,117,000 pieces of mail matter which it is estimated passed through the Canadian post office during the fiscal year ending March 31

last, no fewer than 2,620,559 pieces found their way into the dead letter branch. Of these 1,744,267 were letters, out of an aggregate of 504,233,000 posted, and the balance were postcards, books, circulars, samples and parcels of merchandise. In addition there were 342,583 pieces received from other countries (Great Britain contributed 51,346 and the United States 167,241), and with those carried over from the previous year the branch handled in all 2,962,117 pieces. There were 2,872,554 pieces "disposed of," which may mean that they were delivered to the addressee, returned to the sender or destroyed. The latter fate overtook some six hundred thousand letters and about seven hundred thousand parcels, and other packages which it was impossible to trace either back or forward.

Misdirection or lack of direction must have been the cause of most of the letters floating into the eddy of the branch, as there has been a very marked falling-off in the last decade in the number of letters mailed without postage being prepaid. Where in 1876 one letter in 361 was not prepaid, today, with tenfold more letters passing through the post office, the proportion is one in 4,594.

There was in cash or paper the immense sum of \$1,382,762.15 found in letters. There were \$21,713 in cash, \$682,398 in cheques, \$183,151 in promissory notes, \$104,151 in drafts, \$52,522 in post office orders, \$28,115 in express orders and the balance in various forms. There is a long and very interesting list of articles which have been found in letters and parcels which have not reached their destination. A house could almost be furnished out of the things which have gone astray, and a very large family could certainly be clothed and to some degree fed. Sandwiched in among the familiar things that are in the list are

many which it is strange to hear of as being conveyed by mail.

The list ranges over such articles as buffalo horns, coal, spectacles, prayer books and beads, dried flowers, spurs, smelling salts, bulbs and flower seeds, dishes, dog licenses, a paylist, seven wills and fifteen pedigrees (human or animal is not stated), snuff, soap, acids, grain, sidewalk covers, butterflies, tiniment, an engine and three flags, charms, a curry-comb, photographs and portraits, bolts and nuts, pictures, a casket and five wigs, sealing wax and red tape, bank books and stock certificates, society membership forms, buttons, hair chains, chewing gum, embroidery, motor parts, cutlery, bed quilts, ferns, dolls, Easter eggs, a halberd, a mining claim, keys, razors, a miniature studio, gold and silver articles, innumerable shovels, tennis rackets, screws, snake skins, wolf pelts, foxes' ears, varnish—and so the list goes on.

The musically inclined would find a violin, a flute, a concertina, three mouth organs and nine assorted musical instruments, while there is an accordion for anyone who is hard of hearing. For the smoker there is a list which includes 24 cigars, 18 cigarettes, 88 pipes, an amber mouthpiece, eleven match safes and a quantity of snuff. From eight Bibles the list runs on to twenty-seven packs of playing cards.

One cannot help speculating what happened in the cases of the young people who lost two marriage licenses and a marriage permit. The straying of twenty-six marriage certificates did not matter so much, but a long train of supposition is started by the then unexplained absence of the licenses. Were the couple kept "waiting at the church" or did they call it off? As said must have been the case of the wedding guest whose invitation never reached him, or the pair for whom the banquet tickets were intended that were enclosed in the letter that never came. One bit of divorce went astray and so did an oath of an unnamed variety.

In the line of clothing the list of mis-sent articles is as varied as it is long. There were 970 parcels which are broadly termed "clothing" but many times that in specified articles. After a man had got into any one of 225 pairs of slippers he could discard the two pairs of pyjamas for the dressing gown and make his choice of six under shirts, twenty-nine suits of underclothing, twelve coats, four vests, eleven waistcoats, three pairs of trousers, thirty-four shirts, three packets of linen, thirty-two collars, a

pair of cuffs, thirty-one ties and thirty-five neckties (note difference, whatever it is, to the post office mind), 143 pairs of boots, 23 pairs of shoes, a pair of sandals, 181 pairs of moccasins, a pair of leggings, six overcoats, thirteen caps or the same number of hats, two of the latter being panamas, two fur caps or seven tiques if it be in winter, two pairs of overshoes and finally five canes—at least such is the likelihood interpretation of "cane."

While he could have only the one tooth brush he might have a selection between six sets of toilet articles and three manicure sets, and should he be bald there are two wigs to choose from. One pair of overalls gives a chance to keep one's choice from all this clothing clean, if need be.

While the man of the house is doing this his wife may also be exercising her choice on three kimono, two dressing gowns, eleven waists, 270 blouses (for she may make up her own from any of twelve blouse lengths), thirty-five dresses, one costume, eight skirts, four corsets and three corset-covers, twenty-nine belts and four belt-buckles, twenty pieces of lace, ten lace collars, five ostrich feathers, one hat, two vests, eight pairs of earrings, false hair ad lib, three bonnets, two sunbonnets, one cape, one fur jacket, coat, one fur jacket, 248 pairs of gloves, sixteen pairs of riding gloves, ten pairs of gauntlets and two pairs of fur gauntlets, fifteen muffs, one necktie, one ruff, 43 aprons, 394 handkerchiefs, twelve jewel boxes, one chateleine bag, thirteen hand bags, 165 shopping bags, one fan, 112 shawls and silk goods without end.

Furniture seems to be the one thing that is not represented in the list, but there are several little items, or household furnishings, such as cushions, ornaments, drapes, battleship and croquet dollies and centrepieces, mirrors, mats, pictures and sideboard.

In the line of eatables the list contains 235 cakes, a loaf of bread, one packet of biscuits, three plum puddings (one of which is still unclaimed, so far as shown by the report), three puddings of the ordinary kind, one mince pie, a donation of potatoes, six cakes of shortbread, four cobs of corn, one cheese, three fish, 84 packages of maple sugar and one of maple syrup, preserves, tomatoes, grapes and honey, and one solitary parcel of venison. There are 70 eggs but three egg cozies are in the list. To set out the table there are seven table cloths, dishes, knives, forks and spoons by the hundred, a cruet, a round dozen of salts and peppers,

three carving sets, and various little table accessories. Somewhat related to this catalogue are thirteen packets containing pills and one with tonic.

After dinner the theatre! But not for whoever was expecting the theatre tickets which were found in a dead letter. Were the lone pair of opera glasses (those which might have been, but never were used on the same occasion)? Of the 129 railway tickets which did not reach those they were intended for, eight never got back to the senders either, for lack of a clue as to who they were, or on this or any one of the varied items in the long list, what speculation might be indulged in—if it were profitable or worth the time.

NANAIMO HONORS

MR. RALPH SMITH

(Continued from page 1.)

For fifteen years the people of this district gave me their support and although they disputed me and differed with me, the meeting to-night shows that while they disputed my doctrine they have no fault to find with the man. Whenever he had gone as provincial member to Victoria, he had always remembered Nanaimo. When he sat in parliament at Ottawa he had always represented the views that he thought were the views of the citizens of Nanaimo. When he went to London as a representative of parliament he felt honor was due to Nanaimo, and during the coronation the thing that gave him courage was the remembrance of the people he represented on that occasion. He had lived his own life in Nanaimo but had never interfered with the life of another man. Some people don't do that, are always interfering with the lives of others, but he had found that the man who wants to manage the country is the man that cannot manage himself. It was always the right thing to criticize but never right to dictate and demand. He was glad to know the intelligent community of Nanaimo respected the individual regardless of his opinion. I am going to Vancouver where there are lots of people, but I am going to rush in and try to swim and I think I can do it. I am not as young as I used to be, but I have looked ahead and think I can see the way clear. If

I live 15 or 20 years and have my health I think I can promise you I will succeed there the same as I have in Nanaimo. When in my new home I will never remain silent when Nanaimo is disparaged, but will always remember how Nanaimo treated me when hostile elements assailed. I want credit for one thing, not for whatever success I have accomplished but give me credit for acting always with the very best of intentions.

J. P. MORGAN DECORATED.
Berlin, Dec. 8.—The bestowal of the decoration of the first class of the order of the Red Eagle on J. P. Morgan is officially announced in the Imperial gazette to-day.

At the same time the notification comes that the Red Eagle of the third class has been given to Richard August Schmale of New York. The insignia of the order was presented to Mr. Morgan during the Kiel yachting week.

BLOWN TO PIECES.

Rancher Killed by Explosion Few Days After Making His Will.

Auburn, Wash., Dec. 8.—Henry Thompson, a rancher, was blown to pieces by dynamite in his yard at Pacific yesterday. He had just stepped from his house, carrying in his arms a bomb of fifteen or twenty sticks, with caps and fuses, which he had pre-

pared for blasting a big stump. Apparently he tripped and fell. Thompson was in Auburn on Monday at which time he made his will, leaving his papers at the bank, saying he was not feeling well. W. D. Gillan, his neighbor, just across the street, was given the whole estate. At the time of the fatal accident, Mr. and Mrs. Gillan were in Tacoma. A neighbor saw the explosion.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A. S. Killam, of Vancouver, is in the city on business.

E. A. Vaughan, of Newark, N. J., is registered at the Empress hotel.

John E. Reekie, of Kelowna, is in the city on business from the Orchard City.

E. A. Nash and F. Bulman, of Kamloops, have arrived at the Empress hotel.

A. C. Eddy, of New Westminster, resident engineer for the V. V. & E.

Victoria Theatre

Mrs Pankhurst
Wednesday
Dec. 20, 8.30 p.m.

Seats \$1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

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His Honor "the Mayor" in Vaudeville.
Harry Thompson, The Diplomatic Ra-
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Anne Buckley's Canine Wonders.
Presenting "A Day in Dogville."
Welcome return Vaudeville Rarest
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The Fascinating Lyric Soprano, Belle
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Programme Friday and Saturday.
"By Way of Mrs. Browning"
Apt and timely words of Mrs. Brown-
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"Master Cupid Detective," drama.
"The Easterner's Sacrifice,"
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"A Troublesome Picture" Solax Comedy
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"Father's Weekly,"

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railway, was in the city on Wednes-
day and registered at the Westholme
hotel.

W. B. Anderson, of Tacoma, has ar-
rived at the Empress hotel from the
Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Currie, of Truro,
Nova Scotia, are registered at the Do-
minion hotel.

Mrs. George Boulton, of Luskland,
Sask., arrived in the city yesterday
from the east.

Dr. J. C. Whitehouse, of Port Ren-
frew, is in the city, and is staying at
the Dominion hotel.

S. A. Fleming, of Cranbrook, came
over on last night's boat and is regis-
tered at the Dominion.

Mrs. J. B. Muir, of Ingersoll, Ont.,
has arrived in the city, and is regis-
tered at the Empress hotel.

W. D. and Mrs. Currie, of Truro, N.
S., are visiting Victoria for the winter
and staying at the Dominion.

James H. Steele, a Scottish tourist
from Edinburg, Scotland, is a guest, re-
gistered at the Dominion hotel.

Rose City residents in the city in-
clude Mrs. Arthur King, of Portland,
who is staying at the Empress hotel.

The name of Miss Charlotte Saxon,
Tacoma, was omitted from the list of
invited guests at the police ball on
Wednesday night.

Thomas A. Williams, the well-known
horseman of Lulu Island, South Van-
couver, is staying at the Dominion
hotel while here on business.

Mr. T. G. Holt, executive agent of
the Canadian Northern railway, and
Hon. Angus MacDonnell have left Van-
couver for New York en route for
Great Britain, where they will spend
the holidays. They will be joined at
Spokane by J. W. Stewart, contractor
of this city, who has been laid up in
Spokane with a severe illness.

Before the Canadian Women's Club
yesterday afternoon, in the ballroom of
the Alexandra Club, Miss Parbury ex-
plained entertainingly about far-off
Kashmir, illustrating her story with
songs and water-color sketches of
that romantic land. She told of the big
game, which lured the hunter thither
and of the attractions for the geologist
to be found in the rare fossils buried
in the hills. This eastern land has, too,
rare and beautiful flora of great vari-
ety, and its people have a peculiar
skill in setting out an earthly "Garden
of Allah," to judge by the brightly
tinted setting of flowers in one of two
of the pictures which Miss Parbury ex-
hibited. Tropical ferns grow in great
abundance in many places, and a sur-
prisingly vivid coloring is found in the
foliage of the tree, which to us seems
peculiar only to our own Eastern Can-
ada. Other pictures which Miss Par-
bury drew, and which were after-
wards found among the group of
paintings were of the quaint shops
and rest houses, where pilgrim and pil-
grim found wealth or peace. A roman-
tic story of a city swallowed up by the
waters of a lake—reminiscent of one
of the strange disappearances of
islands in the South Pacific within
modern times—was followed by a de-
scription of the palaces of maharajahs
and rajahs which the lecturer had
visited, and the gorgeous jewels, tap-
estries, carved stone and wood which
were seen there. Some of the fetes
were described, and an interesting ac-
count was given of wedding customs,
and the nature of the songs and dances
which prevailed. Miss Parbury, in a
very sweet voice sang some of the na-
tive music to illustrate her story, and
at one part of the lecture played on
one of the Indian instruments. She
reminded her audience of the descrip-
tion in Moore's "Lalla Rookh," saying
that although the poet had never visit-
ed the scenes he pictured so vividly,
the setting was well-nigh perfect. Mrs.
Hasell, at the close of the address,
moved a vote of thanks, expressing her
regret that so few were present to
listen to the delightful lecture. The
speaker had provided for them. The
collection of beautiful little water-
color pictures on the right of the platform
before the centre for some time after
the lecture of a group of admiring
ladies, and were certainly sufficient in

themselves to tell a story of a land of
gorgeous color, flowers and a noble
architecture.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron

One of the most pathetic figures at
Christmas time to me, is the child who
has nothing to give.

We are always having our sym-
pathies appealed to, for the child who
has little or nothing
given to it at
Christmas, but
who ever says
anything about it
the youngster
who has little or
nothing to give?

And yet isn't he
also deserving of
sympathy?

Don't you get
as much pleasure
out of what you
give at Christmas, as what you re-
ceive?

More? I thought so. Very well
then. Aren't you denying a child a
great deal when you fail to make it
possible for him to give, as well as to
receive at Christmas time?

I believe that every parent's Chris-
mas duty is to make it possible for
his children to give at Christmas time.
And mind you, I don't mean to make
this possible by giving the children a
few dollars outright to buy their
Christmas presents with. Even a
very young child can appreciate the
force of having father give him some
money, with which he will later buy
father a Christmas present. How much
of the glorious gladness of giving is he
likely to get under such circumstances
—how much of the "It is more blessed
to give than to receive" spirit?

No, every child should be given a
chance to EARN or SAVE his Chris-
mas money. Of course, the child who
has an allowance can save it from
that, and I wish all children were in-
cluded in this category. But unfor-
tunately they are not.

What about the others, then? Well,
in the name of the boy you yourself
take in giving, for the sake of the un-
selfishness you hope to see your chil-
dren develop, give them a chance to
earn a little money somehow or other.

Let them go without candy, cake,
butter or some luxury from now until
Christmas and give them an equiva-
lent in money.

Reward them by an unexpected
nickel, dime or quarter for some kind
or thoughtful deed. Please observe
that this is quite different from bribe-
ing them to be good—a practice of
which I most heartily disapprove.

Invent errands and tasks if neces-
sary. Offer the little daughter a por-
tion of a week, if she will darn the stock-
ings or wash all the dishes. Let the
little son help you about the furnace.

It is easier to do this work yourself
than to convince them, you say. Per-
haps so. And perhaps you can ill
spare the extra two or three dollars
that all this means. But remember,
my friend, the cause for which you
are giving it. If necessary try to save
it from your own Christmas list. Even
make son or daughter a little less ex-
pensive Christmas present.

Maybe you think I'm foolishly em-
phatic about all this, but I don't be-
lieve I am. I can remember that one
of the happiest Christmases of my
own childhood, was the year when by
taking care of a neighbor's cat all
summer, I earned enough to give each
of my family no foolish makeshift gift,
but something they really wanted.

Christmas that year meant not mere-
ly opening my own gifts, but watching
others open theirs from me, with a
delighted anticipation of their pleas-
ure.

Again, I heard a girl who last year
passed her first Christmas as a wage
earner say, "It's splendid to be earning
money and to be independent all the
time, but Christmas is the best of all
times, when you have some money that
you earned yourself and not have father
and mother give you money to buy
presents with—why it's glorious. I
hardly knew what Christmas meant
before."

To be always receiving, and never
giving is a bad position even for a
child. If he accepts it indifferently, he
is developing selfishness. If he rebels
against it, he suffers.

Once more in the name of the joy
you yourself take in giving, for the
sake of the unselfishness you want
your children to develop, give them a
chance to really give, as well as to re-
ceive this Christmas.

Ruth Cameron

The Advance Man

"The Gamblers"

"The Gamblers," Charles Klein's
successful new play of Wall Street
finance and fashionable Fifth avenue,
will be the offering at the Victoria
theatre next Wednesday. The story
of the play deals with the manipula-
tion of a dollar-hungry young finan-
cial freebooter who has come into the
management of his conservative old
father's bank, and who, in his am-
bition to expand the business, brings
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with the federal authorities because
of the wrongful use of trust funds.

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The merry musical comedy "Busy
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Novelty Belts
Kid Gloves
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Fur Muffs
Handkerchiefs
Manicure Sets
Dainty Blouses
Fancy Linens
Golf Jackets
Work Boxes
Glove Boxes
Stylish Comb Sets
Novelty Neck Chains
Fancy Blouse Sets
Hair Ornaments
Dainty Scarfs
Shetland Veils
Fancy Work
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Work Boxes
Beaded Hand Bags
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Handkerchiefs
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Sweater Coats
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The store has been transformed in honor of this great bargain event. Bargains are everywhere and the red tickets tell the tale of marvelous underpricing. During the remaining days of this sale, wonderful prices will prevail in every direction. Nothing will escape—nothing to be reserved. Everything goes for cash and the prices mean the biggest savings ever offered to you. Money never meant so much in Victoria and contiguous towns as it does during this sale. There are bargains here for the young, the old and the middle aged, and we bid everyone welcome. Come and make yourself at home. You can't buy everything, but you are welcome to come and see and buy what you can, and you will be surprised to see how far your money will go.

Ladies' Oxfords

LADIES' OXFORDS AND PUMPS, patent calf, gunmetal calf and tan calf. Cousins, Cross and Reeds. Values to \$6.00

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MEN'S SHORT GUM BOOTS, extra good quality. Regularly sold for \$4.50. While they last

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Ladies' House Slippers and Buskins. Values up to \$2 per pair. Sale price, per pair

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Children's Slippers and Oxfords. Sizes 5 to 10½. Regular prices up to \$2.00. Per pair

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SIGNAL HILL A STRATEGIC FREAK?

IS ITS SITUATION A SUITABLE ONE?

Military Men Believe It is in Wrong Place—Peep Into the Future

The decision of the government to mount the two 9.2 guns at Signal Hill, Esquimalt calls to mind the many harsh reflections upon the perspicacity of those who authorized the fortification of this elevation by military men, British Canadian and foreign, who have inspected it. The Imperial government expended a very large sum in this work and then suddenly abandoned it.

It has been described by military men as a "strategic freak" and about the last place on Vancouver where fortifications should be established. The reason is quite obvious. Its situation is such that in the event of an attack by an invading fleet, it would draw the enemy's fire and every shot and shell that went near the hill and there would be many of them, would land in various portions of the very harbor, possibly among the shipping docks, etc., that the fort is supposed to protect. If the fort was in any other locality Esquimalt would be much safer as the enemy would have to silence its guns before it could, with a free mind and an easy conscience, turn its attention to Esquimalt. Col. Hughes and General Mackenzie viewed Signal Hill when they were here and the recent order authorizing the erection of those guns would indicate that the new minister has a better grasp of political tactics than military strategy. Esquimalt harbor in time of war would be a shelter for shipping as well as a base for operations. Writing in the press a few weeks ago Col. Hall has this to say regarding the nature of such a base.

Apparently it is desired that an effective squadron may be based on Esquimalt. The idea to-day of a naval base is a place where stores such as food, coal and ammunition are kept and where there are facilities for repairs, such as dry docks and machine shops and a place of safety. The ships must be free to leave the base knowing that it can take care of itself. If they are to do effective service. After an action they want to return to the base to refit and should have assurance that, whilst there, they will be immune from attack. In fact the base should be sufficiently strongly defended to resist successfully the attack of forces which have proved too strong for the fleet; which simply means that the effectiveness of the fleet is controlled by the effectiveness of the defence of

the base. A fleet which may not leave its base owing to inadequate shore defences may just as well be considered as a part of the shore defence and not a fleet at all. The stores of a naval base and the facilities of its dry docks and repair shops must be a most desirable object for an enemy to capture for its own use and surely no base at all is better for a country than one which must immediately become an advantage to the enemy on the outbreak of war.

The idea of utilizing Signal Hill as a fortification has aroused the imagination of a Times reporter who is studying military and naval tactics in the hope of becoming a special war correspondent in the very next war and he has indulged himself the luxury of a vision of what may happen in the year 1923. He describes a modern Rip Van Winkle, awakened from a twelve years' slumber by the booming of heavy guns. Boarding a taxi-aeroplane, by that time a common means of transport in this city, he rises in the air and circling over Esquimalt Harbor he beheld a strange scene of destruction. The narrative, which by the way is not copyrighted, proceeds:

"At the very moment he looked there was a spitting and tearing, a ripping and a cracking and a portion of the C. N. R. workshops fell in ruin. He looked down again. There was the large hull of a ship sticking out of Esquimalt harbor.

"What's that over there?" he asked through the telescope, indicating a large excavation in the coast.

"That's Bullen's \$3,000,000 dry dock," came the reply, and as he heard the words, plunk! and something rebounded into the air, striking the side of the dry dock and scattering concrete in all directions. Inside Constance Cove he saw—magnificent vessels and almost every instant there was a splash in the water of something unseen.

In great haste he flew back to town and was given a copy of the Times, June 21, 1912 in which he read the following:

"In the year 1912 the Dominion government, through its minister of militia, ordered that the Signal Hill fort at Esquimalt, which had been abandoned by the Imperial authorities many years before because of its unsuitability as a battery site, should be mounted with two 9.2 guns, costing something like \$30,000. It was a political move. The unsuitability of Signal Hill for the purpose was generally known. It was shown that with the construction of the \$3,000,000 dry dock, the establishment of the Canadian Northern ships, the calls made by the enormous steamers of to-day at Esquimalt, coming to the Pacific through the Panama Canal and from the Orient, a battery at Signal Hill would prove a detriment and a danger rather than an advantage—a sort of drawing card for an enemy.

"What was maintained then by military men was that in the event of an attack being made on Victoria by an enemy from sea their fire would be drawn to the very harbor, the fort was designed to protect. What was predicted then happened to-day during the attack made by the—navy. As two of the enemy's ships appeared this morning in the straits the 9.2 guns at Signal Hill opened fire on them, and consequently drew the return fire of the guns on to the \$3,000,000 dry dock, now a mass of ruins, the naval hospital which was set on fire this afternoon, the paydock magazine which exploded and badly damaged the ship, burning the magnificent passenger ships that over night took refuge in the harbor. The work shops of the Canadian Northern Railway company were wrecked by the enemy's shell and shot, and many homes and large residences are on fire and are still burning. Fortunately the arrival of the Canadian navy from Vancouver, where it had gone to take on Admiral—prevented the enemy from sending more than a few stray shells into Victoria and their ships are now lying at the bottom of the straits. It is estimated that one hundred rounds were fired by the big guns of the enemy's ships, and that only a few of these struck the fort. The others, as predicted in 1912 by military men, passed over the mark and laid in ruin and desolation millions of dollars worth of property that will take five years to replace."

Safety matches were first invented in Sweden in 1825.

MR. HAWKES AND CANADIAN NAVY

PERTINENT QUERIES BY THE OPPOSITION

Hon. Chas. Murphy Inquires About New Immigration Official—Naval Tenders

The appointment of Arthur Hawkes, who was recently in Victoria, to a "special position" in the Immigration service has aroused considerable curiosity throughout the country and there are a lot of people who would like to know just what Mr. Hawkes is expected to do to earn the \$250 per month and expenses a grateful Conservative government is giving him. Hon. Chas. Murphy, curious like the rest, made an attempt in the parliament to satisfy his curiosity, and asked these questions:

1. To what position in the Immigration branch has Mr. Arthur Hawkes, alias John V. Borne, been appointed?
2. When was the said position created?
3. What are his duties, and what remuneration is he to receive?
4. What previous experience had he in the work which has been assigned to him, and what was the nature and length of such experience?
5. In what work and by whom was Mr. Hawkes engaged at the time of his appointment by the government?
6. What was the amount of his monthly salary immediately prior to his appointment?
7. Was he the author of the pamphlets and articles addressed to the British-born, distributed by members of the government and by other members of the Conservative party during the recent general election?
8. How long has Mr. Hawkes lived in Canada?

The minister of interior, Hon. Robt. Rogers, answered as follows:

1. Mr. Hawkes has been engaged to visit the different provincial governments and ascertain their views in regard to immigration work, with a view to co-operation.
2. Date of engagement, November 13, 1911.
3. See answer to 1, as to duties. Mr. Hawkes is to be paid \$250 per month, and expenses.
4. The work assigned to him is new work, in which, therefore, he has had no previous experience.
5. The government has no information as to this.
6. The government has no information as to this.
7. The government has no knowledge as to this.
8. Mr. Hawkes has lived many years in Canada.

It will be noted that the work assigned to Mr. Hawkes is new work in which, therefore, he has had no previous experience. The curious feature of the situation is that the superintendent of immigration, W. D. Scott, has under him a number of very competent officials who have had a large experience in immigration work and who could do this "special" assignment better than Mr. Hawkes.

Hon. Mr. Murphy also put the following questions about the tenders submitted for the construction of Canadian ships:

1. Has the government accepted any of the tenders submitted for the construction of His Majesty's Canadian ships? If not, does the government intend to accept any of the said tenders?
2. How many of the deposits made in connection with the said tenders are still in the hands of the government, and what is the amount of each?
3. Is it the intention of the government to return the said deposits and when?
4. Will the government pay interest on all the said deposits?

Hon. Douglas Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries who is soon to go to England in the desperate hope of rigging up some kind of a naval policy which will suit Nationalists and Imperialists alike replied as follows:

1. No.
- 2, 3 and 4. All the deposits made in connection with the said tenders have been returned.

Mr. Murphy evidently has some doubts about the navy business. He wants to know more and his other questions as appended proved very embarrassing to the premier, so embarrassing in fact that Hon. R. L. Borden, who is nothing if not stiff and formal, had to twist in his reply. Here are the questions and the premier's rejoinders:

1. Did the prime minister promise a referendum on the navy question, as alleged by the postmaster general and Armand Lavergne, M. L. A., at the nomination meeting in Quebec county on the 24th of October last?
2. If not, what promise or undertaking with regard to the navy was given by the prime minister to the postmaster general or to Mr. Lavergne prior to the date of the said meeting?
3. Mr. Borden. This question, I submit, is irregular in form, inasmuch as it contains an allegation of fact. If the hon. gentleman will strike out the allegation of fact, I am ready to answer it.

Mr. Murphy. If that allegation may be considered as struck out, I shall be glad to have the answer.

Mr. Borden. The prime minister has made no promise on the navy question, except those which are to be found in his public utterances.

Fanny Donovan, The Irish Queen, will sing every night at The Victoria Grill this week.

Rubber stamps were used by the Moors 1,000 years before Christ; and about the time Rome was founded the same ingenious race invented the self-registering turnstile, such as is used to-day to check the admissions to places of public entertainment.

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Lively Scenes in New South Wales State Parliament.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 8.—There were wild scenes of disorder and excitement enacted on the floor of the state parliament of New South Wales yesterday, due to the drastic methods employed by Speaker Willis towards a number of Liberal members.

Speaker Willis, who was elected to the legislature as a Liberal, attained the speakership by deserting his own party and crossing the floor of the House to the Labor side, that party being in power. Yesterday by his orders four Liberal members were forcibly removed from the chamber by the police.

The trouble started when Mr. Wood, an ex-minister, wished to make an explanation. He was ordered to desist, but persisted until four constables twisted his hands behind his back and rushed him out amid scenes of great tumult.

Following this, the member for Namoi called the member for Waverley a "snob," with a strong prefix attached

to it. The latter protested. "Remove him," cried the Speaker, and straightaway the order was carried out. On the ground of interrupting business he had the member for Namoi removed, because he asked the Speaker to remove the member for Namoi for using unparliamentary language. For the same reason he ousted the member for Middle Harbor.

This ended the excitement, as no other Liberal member appeared willing to be offered up as a sacrifice and the scene ended by the member for Namoi apologizing to the offended member.

GAMBLING MUST CEASE.

Cranebrook, Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the police commissioners it was resolved that the following notice be placed in the local papers:

"The police commissioners having learned indirectly that gambling games are being run in the city, the commissioners have decided to take every step in their power to stop such gambling. It would strengthen the hands of the police having complaints to make in this respect would do so in writing to the chief of police."



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There is not a drug on earth—that can cure varicocele. A great many doctors claim to remove this treacherous disease with poisonous applications, and nerve-wrecking doses, but they never show any proof of their cures. The reason is plain—they never cure.

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The only way to cure varicocele is to remove the congestion of blood. Drugs don't do that. They never did and never will. The surgeon's knife will do it, of course, but that leaves you just part of a man.

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Reg. up to \$25.....	\$18.75	KERCHIEFS, 3 for.....	25c	Reg. up to \$3.00, for.....	\$2.35
Reg. up to \$30.....	\$23.75	SWEATER COAT.....	\$1.25	Reg. up to \$4.00, for.....	\$3.25
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For the first time on the Pacific coast the motor apparatus of the Victoria Fire Brigade has been equipped with skid chains, which will enable the drivers to take the corners safely at

thirty to thirty-five miles an hour. The necessity for this action was demonstrated recently when, in turning the corner of Cleveland and Belleville streets, one of the wagons turned right round, and had there been another vehicle alongside, or had the accident occurred at a narrow street intersection the results would have been disastrous. The skid chains which have now been added, are attached direct to the wheels, thus enabling the drivers to have complete control by automatic action in taking curves at high speed. The invention belongs to the credit of an assistant chief of the Spokane brigade, who found similar occurrences on greasy streets, and invented the arrangements to obviate this danger.

The fire halls at Oaklands and Fairfield Park have now been taken over from the contractors, and the chief will ask the city council to appropriate the necessary funds to furnish the same for use at the meeting this evening. A report on the new fire hall on the eastern boundary is also coming up for consideration, the joint committee with the Oak Bay authorities having met this week, and agreed on a united scheme.

Fire Chief Davis is also greatly interested in the council taking immediate action to repair Smith's Hill reservoir, and to provide him with a new automobile. Two tenders at least are in from fire apparatus makers for supplying the car, and these will be considered this evening.

MANCHU GENERAL FLEES.

Former Commander at Nanking Takes Refuge in Southern Manchuria.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8.—A dispatch was received, to-day by the Chung Sai Yat Po, a daily Chinese paper published in Chinatown, stating that Leo Hock Min, chief of the robber band that has been terrorizing the Canton district, had been caught and executed by the rebels.

Chang Sun, a Manchu general formerly in command at Nanking, noted for his cruelty, is said to have escaped and taken refuge in a town in Southern Manchuria.

General Li Wung Yau of San Francisco, China, consul, has received a notice of an imperial edict from Peking doing away with the old Chinese calendar and adopting the modern Roman calendar.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 8.—Spokane Chinese are preparing to hold an election to select a president of the Chinese republic. The order of Chinese Freemasons, with headquarters at San Francisco, is said to be behind the plan, and the central efforts of the balloting in America will be in that city. While the leaders admit the selection made by the Chinese in this country will not be binding, it is said that it will have considerable weight. Dr. Sun Yat Sen is stated to be almost the unanimous choice of the city, and probably in all American cities. It is explained that Chinese women will not be allowed to vote.

Pekin, Dec. 7.—The armistice has been extended until December 21.

McNAMARAS ARE STILL DEFIANT

No Decision Yet Reached Regarding Appearance Before Grand Jury

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—John Crunkshank, district passenger agent of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad, appeared to-day before the federal grand jury here. The alleged illegal transportation of dynamite and alleged conspiracy against federal laws, which the grand jury is investigating, cover a wide scope of territory and many railroad officers may be called upon in tracing the movements of those whom Assistant United States District Attorney Reagan and his colleagues believe to have been involved in them.

"One can trace every railroad ticket ever bought," was the declaration of a state official in connection with the McNamara trial, just ended. Crunkshank's examination lasted only about 30 minutes, and with that of Erle E. McManigal, who began his story of his numerous dynamiteings, occupied most of the day.

No one could be found who would say whether the McNamaras surely would be called. It was reported from a good source that their defiant attitude was to be continued.

Frank M. Ryan interviewed. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 8.—Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, arrived from Washington to-day.

"There is not a word of truth in the reports of friction between Samuel Gompers or other officials of the American Federation of Labor and myself," said Mr. Ryan.

Asked why he had not signed the statement issued by the Federation of Labor officers in denouncement of the McNamaras, after a conference in Washington yesterday, Mr. Ryan replied:

"I took very little part in the conference because of other business. I will not add to my first statement in regard to the outcome of the McNamara case. I have nothing further to say."

"Will you call a meeting of the board to consider the actions of the association toward the McNamaras?" he was asked.

"I don't know," was the reply. "Did you, as president, know anything of the details of the expenditures by John J. McNamara as secretary of a fund of \$1,000 per month, approved by the organization and for which no accounting was made?"

"That is a matter that will take care of itself."

Mr. Ryan refused to comment upon

the federal authorities' examination of the books of the association now proceeding before the grand jury.

When he was asked if he knew a federal grand jury inquiry was being made as to whether others were associated with the McNamaras in illegal transportation of dynamite, he replied: "There is nothing I can say on that matter."

CONSERVATION PROBLEMS.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—In an address before the National Irrigation Congress here to-day, Clifford Pinchot devoted himself chiefly to Alaska and the conservation problems there. He praised the work of Secretary of the Interior Fisher, and said the administration was certain to defeat any effort to monopolize the valuable coal lands.

Speaking on water power and the means of irrigation congress, Mr. Pinchot declared that "when you gain control of the water problem in any country, you have solved all the physical problems of that country."

"Water power is the thing that makes the world go around," said Mr. Pinchot, "and a bill will certainly be passed at this session of Congress conserving the water power and giving to the people the water powers which have hitherto been given to the interests."

James H. Garfield, former secretary of the Interior, addressed the congress briefly on drainage and irrigation differences and advised harmony of national condition between the two congresses.

ALLEGED IMPERSONATION.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—R. M. Hopkins, who, until last August was a clerk in the United States district court for Western Washington, was indicted by the federal grand jury to-day, charged with the embezzlement of \$15,000 of fees. He was arrested and released on \$2,500 bail.

Hopkins was released from office after a shortage of \$10,000 had been found in his accounts by Special Examiner M. C. Masters, and it was generally understood that Hopkins had made good the deficit and his friends asserted that he had resigned. Hopkins had been clerk of the district court for twenty years, and the position was estimated to be worth \$8,500 a year.

Hopkins, until April, 1906, was clerk of the circuit court as well as the district court, and since that date has had no authority to collect circuit fees, but he is alleged to have retained money deposited to cover fees in cases yet to be heard.

SEEKING INFORMATION.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The House by resolution called on President Taft to-day for information as to whether the paper and pulp section of the Canadian reciprocity bill is now in force and what other nations are demanding the same concessions given to Canada.

The paper and pulp section of the reciprocity bill became effective even though the reciprocity agreement was rejected by Canada.

REICHSTAG DISSOLVED.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Decreases dissolving the Reichstag and fixing the date of the general elections for the new Reichstag on January 12, are published to-day in the Imperial Gazette.

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FRENCH BARQUE HIT MEYER OFF COLUMBIA

Sailors of Cornil Bart Admit
Their Ship Collided With
American Schooner

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—Admissions by the sailors on the French barque Cornil Bart, which this afternoon arrived in Seattle from Newcastle, Eng., have cleared up the deep sea mystery surrounding the collision of the American schooner Albert Meyer, November 25, when abreast of the Columbia river by a vessel which did not want to ascertain whether the schooner was going to the bottom or not.

According to the sailors it was the Cornil Bart which ran down the Meyer, and several lifeboats were smashed as well as damage to her starboard bow shown more evidence of the collision.

The result of the Meyer being run down by the Bart was that the Meyer yesterday was just able to creep into San Francisco with ten feet of water in her hold, and with a crew in the last stages of exhaustion through having to work night and day at the pumps to save their lives. Luckily, the Meyer was loaded with lumber which kept her afloat while she limped along for 500 miles to San Francisco.

Tenders for Towing Garbage

Tenders will be received up to 2 p. m. on December 12, 1911, for towing garbage out to sea. As per specifications which can be seen at the office of the undersigned to whom all tenders are to be sent. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Boycott

CAPTAIN BOYCOTT was the agent for an estate in Ireland, and the tenants, becoming dissatisfied with his management, requested the landlord to remove him. This he refused to do, and the tenants and their friends refused to work for Boycott, making an agreement among themselves that none of themselves, their relatives or friends should work under or assist him with the harvest.

His crops, of course, were endangered. He sent for help from Ulster, and under their protection the harvest was gathered. The tenants, not to be outwitted, extended their "labor system" to the length of refusing to deal with any one having dealings with Boycott. All such persons they ignored or treated as total strangers, and no one bought of them or sold to them.

This is the origin of our expression to "boycott," meaning not to deal with certain persons or people who for some reason are under our displeasure.

A Chinese Custom

DURING the first fifteen days of the seventh Chinese month the very old and curious ceremony of the Nu-Nau-What is celebrated. This is the festival at which the Chinese pay homage to the land and sea deities. Seven priests carry on the ceremony by beating gongs, praying and otherwise making all the noise possible. A number of small red paper boats about six inches in length and containing lights, are sent floating down the river with the current.

These lights are supposed to propitiate the sea deities and enable them to find their way on dark nights. All this is done for a certain price, and the person on whose behalf it has been performed goes away more than happy in the belief that his family will be immune from sickness and drowning throughout the year which is to follow. All during the festival the waters of the Yangtze-Kiang are dotted with myriads of the votive red boats which bear the prayers of countless thousands to the weird spirits of sea and river.

THINK GULF STREAM PASSED IN TO-DAY

Shipping Men Believe Barque
Which Entered Strait at Noon
is Overdue Sailer

Shipping men here are to-day speculating as to whether the three-masted barque reported passing in at Tatoush at noon to-day is the Gulf Stream, Capt. Nichol, en route from Glasgow with general freight for Evans, Coleman & Evans. The outlook was unable to discern the name of the ship but seafaring men are inclined to believe that it is the long overdue barque, as she is the only three-master which is coming this way.

To-day the Gulf Stream is out 223 days from the Clyde port, and if the sailer reported passing in at noon is the overdue ship she has made one of the longest passages ever known in the history of Pacific Coast shipping. Much anxiety has been expressed all along the coast for the safety of the barque and reinsurance on her has advanced to 20 per cent.

The Gulf Stream will dock here and will discharge several hundred tons of sewer pipe and general freight before being towed to Vancouver.

Board of Trade.—A meeting of the council of the board of trade is being summoned for Tuesday morning next, when several matters of business will be considered. This will probably be the last meeting of the council until after the holidays.

Legal Costs.—The costs of the city in the action brought by the British Canadian Securities Company, Ltd., against the city in connection with the public convenience at the causeway, amount to \$521. The costs will be taxed on Monday. The action was won by the city.

To Name Arbitrator.—In Supreme court chambers this morning Mr. Justice Gregory was requested to appoint an arbitrator in connection with the expropriation proceedings between the waterworks department and Mr. Dwyer, of Sooke, whose land the city requires in connection with the Sooke waterworks. No appointment was made.

Miss Schofield Dead.—Miss Mable Irene Schofield, the third daughter of Frank Lloyd Schofield of Westholme, B. C., died after a very short illness at the isolation hospital last evening. Deceased young lady was a nurse at St. Joseph's hospital, and had only reached her twenty-fourth year. The funeral, which was private, took place this afternoon. Services were conducted at 1 o'clock at the graveside by Archdeacon Scriven.

Frank Cryderman Dead.—The Fernie Free Press has the following to say regarding the death of Mr. Frank Cryderman, well-known in this city and who at one time was a partner in the firm of Dean & Cryderman, druggists, in the store now occupied by Dean & Hiscocks. "Frank Cryderman died in Calgary on Saturday. Frank was almost an old timer in Fernie, having been here off and on for the last ten years. He was a graduate of Toronto College of Pharmacy and came west in the early days. He was in business for some years at the coast. He afterwards went through the Klondike boom. He was laid up in Cranbrook hospital with fever last winter and never fully recovered."

Harbor Improvements.—The special committee of the board of trade on the improvement of the port of Victoria field another meeting yesterday afternoon, when there was a full attendance of members. The committee had before it a great quantity of valuable information as to the amount of trade which will have to be provided for here if the port is to secure its proportion of the business which will be offering when the Panama canal is open, and this was considered, and will be put in shape for presentation to the government engineers at Louis, Costa, when he comes here next week to make an examination of the harbor with a view of reporting to the government on what works are needed. The committee adjourned after a prolonged session to meet again about the middle of the coming week.

TRIES TO DROWN CHILDREN.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Ole Martin, wife of a shingle mill owner, who is believed to have been frantic as a result of domestic trouble, threw her seven-year-old daughter in the bay shortly before noon to-day. She had seized her second little girl to pitch her into the water when nearby workmen grabbed the child from her uplifted hands. Before the woman could be restrained she had thrown herself overboard. A longshoreman jumped in and rescued the mother, while another with the aid of a big net saved the drowning child. The woman refused to talk. When asked if she needed clothing or money she replied it was nothing like that.

The workmen's attention was attracted to the scene by the sobbing of the little girl, who cried out, "Mamma, please don't throw me in." The older of the two girls is a child of Mrs. Martin by her first husband, from which she was divorced. The younger girl is the child by the present husband. Agreement in the treatment which should be accorded the two children caused unpleasantness between the couple, and rather than lose her husband, of whom she is reported to be almost insanely jealous, caused the attempt on the woman's part to rid herself of both causes of the trouble.

THE ALTRUIST.

Farmer.—Now I've caught you, you young rascal. May I ask what you're doing up in my apple tree?

"Please, sir, I'm only frightening away the sparrows; they're such awful thieves."—Fliegende Blätter.



DESTRUCTION OF BATTLESHIP MAINE

U. S. Experts Declare Vessel
Was Blown Up by Explosion
From the Outside

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by an explosion from the outside.

This is the gist of a short statement issued by the navy department to-day based on findings made by the joint army and navy board, which spent several months in Havana harbor investigating the wreck. The statement is as follows: "The board found that the damage to the bottom of the Maine was caused by the explosion of a charge of a low form of explosive exterior to the ship between frames 28 and 31, port side. This resulted in the exploding of the contents of six reserve magazines. It is a 14-M and its contents included a large quantity of black powder. The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the remaining four magazines followed. The magazine explosions resulted in the destruction of the vessel."



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NAVAL PRIZE BILL.

London, Dec. 4.—The House of Commons last night passed the third reading of the naval prize bill. A motion for its rejection was defeated by 112 to 125.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—The provincial legislature is expected to pass a compulsory education bill at the coming session.

FAIL TO OBEY LAW.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Ten moving-picture shows have been closed owing to failure to comply with the fire regulations.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE VOLUNTARY WINDING UP OF THE STANLEY DOLLAR COMPANY, LIMITED.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 229 of the Companies Act, 1910, a meeting of the Creditors of the above company will be held at the registered office of the Company No. 1117 Wharf Street in the City of Victoria on Thursday the 21st day of December, 1911, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that all the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 1st day of January, 1912, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned liquidator of the company.

DATED this 7th day of December, 1911.

J. H. LAWSON,
Liquidator.

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NEW LOCATIONS ON GOVERNMENT STREET

C. P. R. W. & J. Wilson and Montelius Piano House, Ltd., Negotiating New Quarters

A change in the premises of the business corporations on Government street, where so much change has taken place during the last year, is to take place before very long in an adjustment of tenancy that is now being negotiated. The firms interested are W. & J. Wilson, men's clothing; the C. P. R. telegraph office and the Montelius Piano House, Ltd.

The expiration of the lease about two months ago of the premises in the building at the corner of Government street and Tremaine alley, is the cause of the C. P. R. telegraph office moving to new premises in a prominent position. The C. P. R. owns the block at the corner of Fort and Government streets now occupied by the C. P. R. ticket office and the Montelius Piano House, Ltd. The latter, however, has three years to run under lease and requires a large increased rental from the C. P. R. for that period should the railway corporation decide to move into the building and locate all its business under one roof.

The firm of W. & J. Wilson contemplates alterations and extensions for its business and proposes to occupy the offices now occupied by the C. P. R. telegraph as soon as the latter can secure other premises. The necessity for extra space by the clothing firm has caused the C. P. R. to move in the matter of getting other premises soon, and it is said that the C. P. R. has an additional motive, that of escaping an increased rent now being charged by the clothing firm on a monthly tenancy.

R. M. Marpole, chief executive of the C. P. R. in the West, was here yesterday to investigate and see what could be done towards a solution of the difficulty. The rental asked by the Montelius Piano House, Ltd. for the three remaining years during which they hold the tenancy of half the C. P. R. building is said to be in the aggregate equal to the amount for which the property could have been purchased a very few years ago.

The C. P. R. to avoid paying a heavy rental has been seeking another site in which to install the message wires and carry on business, but the efforts of their agents so far have not been followed by success, and Mr. Marpole returned to Vancouver yesterday without getting any nearer to a solution of the difficulty.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Penalties aggregating \$7,960 were today imposed by Acting Secretary Cable, of the department of commerce and labor, upon the steamer Orford charged with what the department characterizes as the worst case of neglect of stowage passengers ever brought under the passengers act of 1882.

The penalized vessel was employed to carry Spanish and Portuguese immigrants through Magellan Straits to Honolulu. Among the 1,424 passengers there were in the eight weeks of her voyage, 38 deaths, 57 being of children. The general unsanitary condition of the vessel, including the hospital, was found to be almost beyond belief.

BOSTON FRANCHISE SELLING.
Chicago Capital May Take It Over.—Price Said to be \$175,000.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—According to reports among baseball men steps are to be taken at the National League meeting in New York next week to push through a transaction, whereby Chicago capital will take over the Boston National League club. It is said the franchise can be purchased for \$175,000. Of this amount \$100,000 is said to have been pledged by a group of four men, of whom Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago Nationals, is one.

Overcoats this season are a trifle more form fitting. We've the Chesterfield, the Storm Utter and the Burton Through Models. All new fabrics, \$35 to \$50. Allen & Co., "Fit-Reform," 904 Government Street.

The Victoria Hotel Club is making special efforts to please its patrons. This week they will have Fanny Donovan, the noted comedienne, to entertain them from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. Cromwell's medals for naval and military services were the first given to officers and men.

TRIUMPH FOR NATIONALISTS

P. E. BLONDIN FOR DEPUTY SPEAKER

Lively Scene in Commons in Which Government Cuts Sorry Figure

The latest triumph of the Nationalists—the election of Mr. Pierre Edouard Blondin as Deputy Speaker—made a sorry spectacle of the government in the House, says a dispatch from Ottawa. Under the vigorous and incisive thrusts of Mr. F. F. Pardee, the premier lost his temper, and gave the crowded galleries an unusual exhibition of petulance. "If this is the sort of warfare you are going to persist in," Mr. Dorden exclaimed, angrily, "you will find us able to take our fair share in it." He thereupon attacked Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mackenzie King, neither of whom was present, charging them with disloyalty, and declared that Mr. Blondin, in all his anti-British declarations—"I dare say he was fervent in his utterances"—were the premier's words as loyal as the chief whip of the Liberal party.

Mr. Pardee met Premier Borden's nomination of Mr. Blondin with a vigorous arraignment, which kept the Liberal benches in a storm of cheering. On the part of Canadian Liberals, and he believed on the part of loyal Canadians generally, he objected to the selection of this man as second Commoner of the country. He charged that the Nationalist nominee of the government was disloyal to Canada, and had sought by speech and action to stir up sentiment for the purpose of destroying the solidarity of the British Empire. He quoted from the Quebec Chronicle, a Conservative paper, which had denounced the character of the Nationalist campaign, and from L'Evenement, a Nationalist organ, which had reported Mr. Blondin as declaring: "Canada owes nothing to England. England did not conquer her to plant the cross of Christ here, as did France. She did it simply to get trade." Again, reading from the Hansard debate on the Drummond-Artibaska by-election, Mr. Pardee read the charges made by Hon. Mr. Brodeur and then undented, that Mr. Blondin at Victoriaville had declared that the only liberties which Canadians enjoyed they snatched from England. England had "sown the word with hatred, quarrels and war." "We have had enough of England," was his final utterance. "We have had enough of England and the English."

Mr. Blondin rose and exclaimed that he had said nothing disloyal. Mr. Pardee retorted, amid Liberal cheering, that the denial was tantamount to a confession.

Mr. Blondin had told the House, in the debate in question that he was "not ashamed of what I said, and will repeat it to-morrow, if called on."

Hon. Dr. Behand was present on the occasion in Quebec, and stated that he distinctly heard Mr. Blondin use the words quoted.

Speaker Sproule said that Mr. Blondin's denial must be accepted under the rules of parliament. He asked Mr. Pardee to withdraw.

Mr. Pardee thought a belated denial at the present epoch was not entitled to acceptance. "Does he deny" that he is a member of the Nationalist party? the West Lambton man persisted.

"No, I don't," shouted back Mr. Blondin, when Speaker Sproule again interposed that, in view of the denial of the member, his statement must be accepted.

Mr. Pardee said he found himself bound to bow to the ruling of Mr. Speaker. He did so with regret, for he felt very strongly that the man chosen by the parliament of Canada to be its second Commoner should be a true and patriotic Canadian, a man who would fill the responsible position with dignity and credit to Canada.

"No such appointment as has been suggested by the Prime Minister will meet the approval of true Canadians," he added, amid renewed Liberal cheering.

TROUBLE FEARED AMONG CHINESE

Los Angeles Police Take Steps to Prevent Outbreak of Tong War

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—The Los Angeles police took all possible steps today to prevent a threatened tong war, which it was feared might result from a movement started in China a few weeks ago to collect funds for the Chinese revolutionists. When the movement was begun among the Chinese here the majority of them freely contributed. One merchant, Wing Chung Ting, however, flatly refused. It was said with the result that his countrymen boycotted him and picketed his store.

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BEGS FORGIVENESS.

Madrid, Dec. 8.—King Alfonso has received a letter from the Infanta Eulalia asking him to pardon her, saying she acted in a moment of forgetfulness. She had, she said, no intention of wounding the royal family. She begs to have an opportunity of showing that she is an affectionate aunt and a true and loyal Spaniard.

Some species of insects are in a state of maturity thirty minutes after birth. The moon is 238,000 miles away from the earth.

MARINE NOTES

Carrying a full list of passengers and considerable general freight, the Boscowitz steamer Venture, Capt. Morehouse, sailed from this port last night for northern British Columbia points.

The British ship Lydgate arrived Wednesday after what is believed to be a record-breaking trip of 23 days from Santa Rosalia. Captain Low says he was four days coming down the Gulf, and after getting outside struck a fair

wind which he carried nearly all the way down the coast.

It is expected that the C. P. R. steamer Queen City, Capt. Campbell, will arrive in port late to-night from the west coast. She has been as far north as Holberg.

Upon her arrival in Seattle yesterday the steamship Buckman, of the Alaska-Pacific Steamship Company, was laid off one voyage for a general overhaul and the installing of new propeller blades.

Repairs on the steamship M. F. Plant of the Alaska-Pacific Steamship Company, have been completed at Frisco and she will sail for Seattle, December 15, with passengers and freight.

With general cargo for both the Alaska-Pacific and American-Hawaiian Steamship companies, the steamship Yucatan sailed for Seattle from San Francisco Wednesday night.

The average man's wages in the Southern States, Russia, is sevenpence-halfpence a day. In no other part of Europe is remuneration so low.

For the HOME DRESSMAKER

DRESSES AND COATS FOR CHILDREN



WHETHER in the house or out in the street, the little children should be dressed in simple style, with adherence to comfort and the new notes. There must always be ample room for a free movement of all muscles of the body, and allowance must be made for the quick growth that the young ones show in even a month's time. Look at the attractive group before you. It offers satisfactory suggestions for all types of dresses, and in addition there is an easy construction that is within the power of all home dressmakers.

A coat of khaki-colored ratine is the first to claim your attention. It is lined with white. A deep collar and cuffs trim it, and skunk fur in very narrow lines borders these extra pieces. Two large embroidered buttons fasten the coat in the front.

The braided dress is copyable in serge, cheviot, velvet or linen. It has a shirred yoke of net, over which a shawl collar comes and swings over to one side. From this point the hem drops for the side fastening. A long-waisted

effect is shown, the short skirt being attached by means of a narrow cloth belt. Boutache-braid in a simple serpentine design is used on collar, kimono sleeves and hem.

White serge with dull silver buttons, scarlet or blue shirred with brass buttons or any of the heavy smooth cloths are excellent when made up after this model.

Black velvet is always elegant. When relieved by black-and-white cloth, as shown in the little dress, it is decidedly lovely in the realm of children's dress.

Below a yoke of Irish lace there is a scalloped collar bound in white broadcloth. The kimono sleeves fall over subcuffs of plaid cloth, which in turn have undercuffs of heavy lace. A whiteogirdle defines the long waist line, and the velvet tunic is lengthened by the underskirt of plaid. This black-and-white idea is continued in the hat of white velvet trimmed with a fringed silk scarf.

A young girl from 8 to 14 years old can wear the coat that is sketched

beside our little velvet lady. It is of grayish blue cloth and has a cape collar in darker blue velvet edged with fringe. There is a flat collar of ermine used on the deep black. The sleeves have the popular, extended line at the shoulder, and the kimono cut is pieced out with deep turned-back cuffs.

Above, at the right, is a scarlet cashmere frock with a Pierrot frill of fine white linen or net. A double row of buttons is used on the front of the full bodice, that falls slightly over the full, straight skirt. Kimono sleeves are bell-shaped at the lower edge and trimmed with the favorite black velvet buttons and the corded buttonholes. A black satin scarf forms the sash.

Plaid is very much favored for junior styles. Just how stylish it is in combination with plain cloth is shown in the model beside the one just described. Dark blue serge forms the major portion of the frock. A broad panel front falls over side pieces of plaid on bodice and skirt. Lace embroidered in green and blue wool forms a shawl collar. Serge buttons run from the collar to the elbow on the upper line of each sleeve. Here, indeed, is an excellent idea for remnants.

Last is a coat for dressy occasions. It is of white cloth. Black velvet is also stunning in this style. Line it with soft-blue ratine if you would be strictly Parisian in your colors. This white is lined with buff ratine, and the double coat gives much warmth for winter. Ecru lace is formed into a collar that is laid on the shawl collar and revers. There is a side fastening under two oval buttons in ecru enamel. The sleeves have circular turned-back cuffs.

As a general rule, the closely fitted hood or cap is favored for children. It is frequently edged with fur. Sometimes it is trimmed with hand-some flowers, gilt ornaments or woolen crocheted flowers. A softening frill of lace is good for Curlylocks and the large, simply trimmed shapes are always good for older girls.

So let your little daughter be well dressed at small cost. There is no reason why she should not be when French ideas can be combined so well with American purses.



Journal des Modes Paris

FRENCH FASHION NOTES

PARIS, Nov. 23. THE sudden drop in the temperature, accounts for the heavy fur-trimmed garments worn lately. At Columbin's yesterday at tea was noticed a wonderful variety of stunning gowns. Velvet predominated.

One smart creation of black velvet was made with an underskirt of white satin. This same material formed the wide collar and cuffs. White pearl buttons were used to fasten the blouse at the side. A wide fur scarf and huge muff of white fox completed this toilette. Another striking model of black velvet had an underskirt of black-and-white striped silk. A gown of changeable velvet, brick red and dark brown in color, was extremely chic. A band of skunk fur finished the hem and sleeves. A small hat of this fur was worn well down over the ears.

Black charmeuse is a favorite material for gowns to be worn under the long fur coat. An unusual gown of this type had an underskirt of coral velvet. This was finished by a band of gray fur at the hem. The bodice was relieved by touches of the coral velvet. A bright emerald green dress of supple satin was most attractive. A band of skunk fur ten inches wide trimmed the perfectly plain skirt. The coat worn with this was of dark brown velvet, with the broad collar and cuffs of skunk.

Bechoff-David is showing some extremely smart tailored suits. One is of brick-colored velours de laine. The jacket, longer in the back than in front, had an odd-shaped collar of moleskin. A black velvet suit had collar and cuffs of white plush. Another, of garnet velvet, was trimmed with black fur, forming wide revers, collar and cuffs.

For afternoon wear, velvet is often combined with mousseline de soie. Dr. coll displayed a lovely model of violet mousseline. An underskirt of velvet the same color was edged with swansdown. A salmon-pink mousseline de soie over satin the same shade had a trimming of skunk fur on the skirt and sleeves. Beautiful new wraps for evening wear are shown. Velvet of silver gray was used for one coat. The large collar and broad cuffs were of black fur. One of the stunning draped coats was of appa-blue velvet, lined with pale yellow satin. A deep collar of ermine gave it a regal appearance.

While the slender silhouette remains in favor, skirts are not so tight. They allow a bit more freedom and grace. This is especially noticeable in evening gowns. Many fascinating triumphs of

the designer's art appeared at the Opera recently. Turquoise-blue mousseline de soie over coral were the colors used to fashion one gown. A draped bodice caught with a soft choux of these colors was the only trimming. Another combination was a pale-blue mousseline over old-gold satin brocade. A striking gown of black and white had a draped skirt and short, square train, lined with ruby satin. Emerald green with black is a much-favored combination. A fringe of jet-and bright green beads is used as trimming.

Charming was a model of violet satin veiled with white mousseline de soie embroidered in pearls. A giraffe with long shawl ends of violet velvet formed the high water line.

A most artistic creation was of old-blue mousseline de soie. Embroidered silver tulle formed a tunic and one of the sleeves. Daintiness was the chief feature of a pale-yellow chiffon veiled with white tulle. Tiny pleatings of the tulle formed a founce halfway to the knees. The bodice was draped surplice fashion and trimmed with the pleatings. Fairytale roses of chiffon and soft silk formed clusters which adorned the bodice, sleeves and skirt.

Fur is used extensively in making the new hats. A bonnet entirely of ermine had a narrow band of skunk as its only trimming. Large flat hats of felt and velvet have brims of fur. A stylish model had a large puffed crown of violet velvet and the brim of opossum fur. Another smart turban had a brim of soft brown fur and the crown of white plush.

White kid is used to trim very stylish little hats for children. An attractive coat for a child was of beige ratine. White ratine was used for the collar, revers and cuffs. A large button covered with white ratine fastened the coat at the side.

Taupe is a fashionable color for the long separate wrap worn on the street. Wide scarfs of fur enliven these.

For the practical, separate blouse changeable silks trimmed with odd buttons are in good taste. A waist of changeable red and black had tiny green buttons in clusters adorning the sleeves and front.

A negligee of pale rose silk was trimmed with narrow silk fringe.

Three narrow ruffles of tulle edged with black velvet were used as a finish on a deep collar of tulle.

BLOIS.

Costume Blouses

DURING the last year the blouse to match the costume has almost completely done away with the old separate blouse, leaving only the finest of lingerie waists to serve as a substitute for the once popular fancy blouse.

To have a smart blouse matching one's coat and skirt one must have it made by a dressmaker, selecting materials that exactly match the cloth in the suit.

This entails much time and thought, and the busy woman will welcome the newest that manufacturers have realized their need and are now turning out separate blouses. In all, the popular shades and color tones that are found in high-grade suitings. There has been an enormous improvement in the ready-to-wear blouses designed for the two-piece suits.

The designs are admirable, even in the cheaper waists, and in those of higher price there lies a charm one will not be likely to secure in any made-to-order blouse, unless you can afford to employ a high-priced dressmaker, and pay even more than the price of the ready-made garment.

Black and white, dark blue, brown, gray, taupe and the various shades of violet lead in quality and quantity. After black, dark blue and the brown shades show the greatest variety of styles, degrees of dressiness and range of prices.

Veiled effects are still in vogue. Chiffon cloth and the transparent materials over bright shades of satin give a certain tone to a dark costume not otherwise obtained.

Simplicity is the keynote of the smartest blouses. Many are cut with kimono sleeves, although the newer fashions show long sleeves, fitting the arm very

snugly at the wrist and frequently showing a frill of lace or net falling over the hand.

Large collars of lace and net are worn over the plainer blouses. These are square or pointed in the back and have the désh effect in front, crossing just below the bust and fastening under the girdle.

On the very newest blouses one sees the jabot or side frill of lace held in place under a pleat or tucked with fancy buttons.

Hand-tucked blouses showing touches of fine embroidery are the very acme of refinement and good taste. Chiffon or marquisette, embroidered and tucked by hand and mounted over a contrasting color, makes the most beautiful of all the costume blouses.

Velvet Gowns

AND some in velvet gowns.

That line in the old nursery rhyme is quite apropos this season, for if news from Paris can be relied upon, nearly all will be in velvet gowns before the winter is well advanced.

Plain and striped velvets are being featured prominently among the semi-tailored and tailored costumes. Two-piece suits and the favorite one-piece afternoon frock of velvet will have a place in almost every woman's wardrobe, especially if she be numbered among the well-dressed class.

Suits of plain one-tone velvet, or striped velvet showing two tones, trimmed with fur or elaborately braided, are very much in evidence. Some of the smartest of these have high collars that close about the throat in military effect, and these are often finished with a big revers on one side of the front.



Little one-piece house frocks of velvet are trimmed with lace, broad and ruf. Many of them have shawl collars or the upper portion of the bodice made of mousseline over satin the same tone as the velvet.

The heavier laces are used extensively on these frocks; beaded laces and those dyed to tone in with the velvet are most fashionable.

Beading is very good. Many of the frocks have shallow round yokes of lace

and an elaborate design worked with varied-colored beads on the front of the bodices, ends of the girdle and folded-back cuffs.

Broad cuffs on kimono sleeves are mostly used.



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AS TO CITIZENSHIP.

To the Editor.—To settle an argument can you inform us whether Rev. Dr. Roper, who is to be consecrated Bishop of Columbia, is or is not now an American citizen?

CHURCHMAN.
(We are not informed.—Ed. Times.)

FORT STREET CARS.

To the Editor: May I, through your valued columns, heartily endorse Mr. Arthur Wheeler, Jr.'s letter with reference to the car service on the Oak Bay line, during the hours of 8 and 9 a. m., during the week?

As an 8.40 traveller I can bear out the truth of Mr. Wheeler's statements, as the car is always full long ere it arrives at the Oak Bay junction, and the "Move up a little further, please," gradually gets on one's nerves. Might I suggest that Mr. Goward take off the ten-minute morning run on Sunday, as Oak Bay now has a church of its own, and give the business man a ten-minute service from 8 o'clock during the week.

CONWAY H. BENNETT.

PRICE OF MILK.

To the Editor.—If you deem it of sufficient importance to allow a further discussion on the milk question, permit me, in the spirit of friendly controversy, to draw the attention of previous writers to the fact that they may be on the wrong track or barking up the wrong tree when they accuse the milkman of highway robbery by more methods.

It is true that, like the old-time highway robber, the milkman stays up over night, or rather meets himself getting up when he goes to bed, but this does not constitute robbery, but rather implies philanthropy on his part. Like our correspondent, I regret that all children cannot have sufficient milk, but surely he should not lay this sin at the milkman's door, as he is only the seller of a commodity and not the guardian of the citizens' children. If there were plenty of milk here dealers would not import it from Seattle and Vancouver and, therefore, it must be the scarcity of the fluid that enables the seller to charge twelve cents for milk drawn from a radius of one hundred miles, and part from the tap nearer at hand, as is hinted at by the health department.

If your correspondent should find the commodity he has for sale—labor, power or wages as the case may be—to be scarce and in great demand, he would be a great exception to the rule if he did not put up its price to all it would bring.

In the hope that your correspondent may be tempted to go deeper into the problem of prices and what determines them, let me touch but lightly on the fringe of a big subject. Wages are paid in gold, which is itself a commodity. Since the laborer is exchanging one commodity for another, that is, his labor-power for gold, which is itself produced by labor. Therefore the ultimate value of any commodity is measured by the labor necessary to produce it. To produce gold fifteen years ago the miner had to expend much energy and nerve to get into the Klondike and consume vast quantities of beans, bacon and flour, not only to bring out the gold, but even to discover its location. The process was expensive, therefore gold was dear on account of the great amount of labor required to produce it. It is therefore plain that the commodity called gold was an equal value with the commodity called labor necessary to produce it. Gold being costly, the milkmen of Victoria had to give a considerable amount of milk to get an ounce of this Klondike gold or, for that matter, gold from any source. In the past fifteen years methods of gold production have been vastly improved, furthermore transportation to gold producing regions has become simpler, quicker and less costly, and in addition the gold bearing regions have now become definitely known. The worker no longer spends months getting into the gold regions, he consumes a smaller quantity of beans, bacon and flour than formerly in getting out an ounce of gold, and as a result the gold is of less value and the milkman does not need to give as much milk for an ounce of gold as he did fifteen years ago.

To-day the milkman gives eight quarts of milk for a dollar's worth of gold. Fifteen years ago he had to give twelve, or perhaps more, for the same amount. And, let me assure your correspondent, on both occasions the exchange was an equitable one. If all commodities advanced in price in equal proportion on account of this flood of gold which has come upon the world in the past fifteen years, no hurt would have been inflicted on anyone. Unfortunately, however, there is one commodity which has lagged behind in the race, and that is labor-power. The worker to-day is still paid by the dollar, which, he thinks, is the same dollar that was paid to him fifteen years ago, but its value as measured by its purchasing power has greatly shrunk. Generally speaking, the nominal wage has been increased, but not sufficient to make up for the shrinkage in the value of the dollar. But, Mr. Editor, this is another story, and it would be well worth your while to invite your readers to thrash out in your columns this momentous problem, why wages have not increased in equal steps with the cost of living.

I think the poor milkman is more deserving of pity than of blame. I suppose he must spend some time in bed in the twenty-four hours, though I cannot guess when. This I do know, that these days he is up many hours before the dawn, and his reward is to be caused by the consumer who leisurely rolls out of his blankets many hours later and expects to find the morning's milk without fail on the door step.

In conclusion let me point out that the milk supply of Victoria must come from quite a distance, as between here and Shawnigan Lake there are more Christmas trees on rocks than there is grass on good soil, and all this tends to a high cost of milk pro-

duction and is more than an excuse for the price of milk in this town. Instead of being blamed, our early and late visitor, the milkman, ought to be welcomed with a pleasant smile.

GEORGE OLIVER,
313 Edward St.

STATE OF STREETS.

To the Editor:—I venture to draw your attention, and that of the Victoria public generally, to the disgraceful condition of Government street from the Parliament buildings southward.

In this progressive province of ours it seems almost incredible that the main artery of the centre of government should be choked with a veritable slough of despond. A distinguished president of the British Association, when visiting Winnipeg in its early days, remarked that it was the first time that he had seen the streets of a city levelled by a plough! But this, sir, was, if my memory serves me right, in the early eighties, and the capital of Manitoba, with its many magnificently paved streets, may now afford to look back with a smile on a condition that reflected only on the days of her childhood.

But, writing as I do, when I have freshly emerged from a sea of mud in order to reach my abode, I am speculating why it is that hard by the seat of government, a state of things which would be intolerable in a small municipality should be allowed to exist. Why, sir, I heard a boast the other day that the corporation of this city had voted money this year sufficient to lay down asphalt on something like thirty miles of roads, and side streets of all sorts have shared in the benefit.

But the city fathers seem to have frowned on any attempt to straighten out, and still more, to beautify, their central thoroughfare. Perhaps I may be allowed to hazard a suggestion that the six inches of loose soil which I have to negotiate daily on the way from my house in order to reach the commercial parts of the city is deep enough for the same city fathers to sow all their financial wild oats in, which they have scattered in such profusion this year in various other parts of our city.

The poor boasts of burden, think of the powers that be who allow such a state of things to exist? And how loud and deep would be their curses if they could give utterance to them!

To see the struggles of these poor friends of man, pitifully dragging their heavy loads along in this morass of nearly half a mile long is a sight to awaken pity in the heart of a savage. Is it not a case where the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals might interfere and stimulate a little the energies of those who are lords over us?

FRED C. SMITH.

CITIZENSHIP.

To the Editor: A leading article in the Sunday issue of the Colonist under the above caption is timely and the part dealing with the municipal election is interesting. It would be difficult to find a newspaper more all-round inspiring than the issue above referred to, but there seems to be a kind of work on the Colonist impelled by a different motive force than the one responsible for Sunday's issue. It is stated therein: "We are writing in the hope that the citizens generally may be stimulated to take a very active interest in the forthcoming contest. We hope that no one will make the error of thinking that municipal politics are beneath his notice, but that there will be such a revival of active participation by all the citizens in securing good government, for there never was such a participation, but a determination on the part of the people to put an end to the conditions that are making the administration of the affairs of Victoria a by-word and a reproach."

Having been employed outside the city, and being a subscriber to the Colonist, the writer came in to qualify as a voter with the intention of voting against the present mayor. I attended a council meeting called to discuss certain charges of forgery implicating the city engineer or some other official. Having heard statements from officials interested in the charges, the council was prepared to pass a resolution exonerating the officials in question from all blame and in such a way as to cast a reflection on the city solicitor, when the latter official challenged the engineer to produce and compare certain documents before the council. They were brought out and on being compared by the aldermen and the city engineer himself, none of that packed mass of citizens could fail to observe the mainly and confident attitude of the solicitor. The smile that arose from one alderman after another told its tale and the city engineer lately admitted publicly to having instructed an official in his department to make the change as charged by the city solicitor. It is safe to say that every open-minded elector present at that meeting will be in a far better position to follow the advice given in the article of Sunday morning than those who were not present.

Now what can be expected but plain absurdities, when such irregular proceedings are permitted to obtain that such an extreme measure had to be resorted to in order to obtain most necessary information. Other most competent officials become entangled, and so we go. Now it is evident to any casual observer that if the Colonist cannot find anything damaging to publish against the mayor it will in no event add color to anything in his favor. It is only necessary to look over the report in the morning issue of the 2nd instant as to the civic reception to be tendered to Miss Agnes Deans Cameron and several other young ladies. Then turn to the report of the Times of the evening of the same day, which gives the real facts, and you will surely conclude that if any names more than another deserved to be mentioned it was that of Mayor Morley, who proposed the reception and spoke so nicely on behalf of those included in his remarks. To have done so would have constituted an admission that for once the Mayor had proposed something that the council could unanimously approve of. This attitude on the part of the Colonist has become a by-word and is diametrically opposed to the principles prompted by the better spirit seeking expression through this same paper. It is most unfair, inasmuch that

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ADVE 7-11 IN THE TIMES.

WIRELESS SCARES IMPERIAL TROOPS

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CUT WIRES OUTSIDE

Details of Nanking Siege—
Plea for Foreign Intervention
in Chinese Rebellion

Further details are to hand by the Awa Maru yesterday of the desperate fighting around Nanking in the early stages of the investment by the revolutionary forces in November last.

The messages are dated November 11 and state the imperialists evidently anticipate a siege, and that their supplies will be cut off, for they are endeavoring to secure all the provisions for their own consumption.

It is impossible to give an estimate of the number who have perished or slaughtered during the last days. Few, however, were killed in the actual fighting. It is said that the imperialists lack ammunition for their big guns, and that most of the gunners who could assist them have deserted. At the same time the revolutionaries complain bitterly of the fact that the railway has been neutralized, as on this account they are unable to effect the rapid transport of guns and men from Shanghai.

From another source it is stated that the Malao is lined with imperialist soldiers. This thoroughfare runs for a considerable distance, and the fact that it is guarded for three or four miles is supposed to be to assist in the escape of the viceroy, if necessary.

People arriving from Nanking state that from Chinkiang, which is also together in revolutionary hands, company after company of the revolutionaries are moving on Nanking. It is believed that a sanguinary encounter is inevitable. The revolutionists proposed to the imperialists that the matter should be fought out outside the city, but this was refused by the imperialists.

The schools and colleges have been closed, and some of the foreign teachers have come to Shanghai. Chinese without queues are in great peril. Mr. Bowen, president of the Nanking university, saw one queueless Chinese headed without hesitation. Students who are without queues are hiding in terror.

Yesterday the imperialists entered the wireless station, but became alarmed at the reports from the electricity, and dared not go inside. They, however, cut the wires from the outside, and told the operators that unless they left they would be killed. One of these dressed himself as a coolie and reached Shanghai in safety, reporting that three others were safe, but the fate of four of the operators is still doubtful.

Telegrams received by the Japanese consulate-general in Shanghai state there were no local police in the city, but the citizens were organizing a volunteer corps to police the streets. On the afternoon of that day the viceroy and Tartar general were still at Peichiao, but the other officials had fled to Hsiao-kwan. Among the Manchurian troops could be seen youths of fifteen years of age and old men of sixty. The attitude of the older soldiers towards foreigners was fairly good, and no interference with foreigners had been heard of.

A telegram dispatch slightly later was to the effect that all the shops and houses in Nanking had been closed, and on the streets there were no pedestrians with the exception of the police. Later in the day the restaurants and tea-houses opened, but the commercial houses still remained closed. The city gates were all closed. Speaking of the massacres editorially, the North China Daily News says:

"In the light of this terrible story, even allowing that it may be only partially correct, it seems mere child's play to talk of mediation. But the appeal must stand, because it is something more than a question of expediency. From external intervention, beyond the measures necessary for the safety of foreign nationals, the combatants in China are free. That principle, the united attitude of the powers, has been solemnly affirmed by the premier of Great Britain on the occasion which has ranked for years as the conventional moment for the declaration of government policy. Between intervention and any form of protest there can, therefore, be no confusion. And the moment has come for the most solemn protest that the world can make against this appalling butchery. It is no question whether Manchu or Chinese shall prevail. In point of fact, as said below, the Chinese have prevailed and the imperial government is paralyzed. But it is a question of innocent human lives, of the hideous slaughter of non-combatants, of women and of little children, and the Christian powers have no right to call themselves by that name if they can witness such crimes in silence."

In further comment, the issue says, and the facts are equally applicable to-day:

"For the moment the world awaits the issue of the conflict about Peking. Will there indeed be a grim struggle attended by awful carnage? Or will the Manchus turn craven? The issue possibly makes little difference to the Manchus. But for the sake of their honor as men, Manchus must surely show the traditional spirit of their race. At least as regards Shanghai and the surrounding districts, where the passions born of bloodshed are under control, the consular body has an influence to wield that might,

if exercised indirectly, be of incalculable value.

"There is yet time for voices to be raised, not on behalf of any special form of government, but in the interest of China as a whole, and for the avoidance of further bloodshed, of misery and disruption. The Manchus are nothing to the world but as a central point which, once removed, can only with the greatest difficulty, if ever, be replaced. Their power is gone, the means are within the nation's hands whereby it can for ever be neutralized. But the old framework remains, and even yet it should prove less costly to the nation to reform than to build afresh."

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Semi-Official Newspaper Comments on Passport Question

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—The semi-official Russia, in a two column editorial, on Representative Sulzer's proposal to abrogate the Russian treaty, says:

"The news is no surprise, as a similar motion was made in 1907. The prohibition of foreign Jews, irrespective of nationality, from entering Russia, as well as Russian Jews who emigrated without permission, was established by law on March 23 and August 11, 1924. The Russo-American treaty of eight years later contains no provision with respect to a modification of the existing law in favor of American Jews. American Jews erred in supposing that Russia has introduced any new obligations in regard to them."

"On the contrary, Russian legislation of 1925-26 granted permission to certain selected categories. Regulations adopted on March 27, 1921, the Russian consul to vice passports of heads-of-business-firms, and also their commercial travellers, representatives and clerks, without limitation with respect to admission to the pale, and without preliminary sanction by the minister of the interior. The passports of all other Jews are void with the sanction of the minister of the interior."

"Thus, all Jewish business men and others engaged in an occupation not regarded as undesirable may enter and reside in Russia for six months. But the sovereign right not to admit undesirable persons cannot be disputed, and is exercised very strictly by the United States itself."

"Only Jews immigrating through the agency of the Jewish colonization society are permanently excluded. In accordance with the rules of March 21, 1922, of the eleven American Jews applying for a visa during 1910, only three were rejected."

"The laws for the readmission of foreign Jews cannot be changed as the result of demonstrations on the part of the United States. The United States government, of course, does not possess the right of interference in the home affairs of Russia."

"The repeal of the treaty of 1832 has been suggested, but all the disadvantages of such a step would fall upon the United States. Russian customs statistics from 1905 to 1910 show that the Russian exports to America amounted to 41,000,000 roubles (\$30,500,000), and imports to 35,000,000 roubles. The figures in the department of commerce and labor at Washington put the Russian exports at 170,000,000 roubles and the imports at 227,000,000 roubles."

"Furthermore the American imports into Russia are constantly growing. They amounted to 41,000,000 roubles in 1905 and 73,000,000 roubles in 1910. It is to be regretted if the traditional friendly relations between true born Americans and Russians are disturbed. The views of a section of congress are not the views of the entire population."

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HOW CONSUMPTION RAVAGES QUEBEC

Death Rate Visibly Higher Than in the Adjoining Provinces

One of the most valuable medical reports ever issued by a province of Canada is that of the royal commission on tuberculosis in Quebec. It would be difficult to praise too highly the exhaustive labor of the commissioners of which the report is the fruit. But for one thing it might be said that for the next ten or twenty years no other province need appoint a royal commission to report on the subject of tuberculosis, so thoroughly have the Quebec commissioners covered the ground; and that is the fact, made plain in the report itself, that circumstances in one province, as regards consumption, may differ very widely from those in another. Quebec has revealed conditions not encountered elsewhere, and the conduct of the anti-tuberculosis crusade in that province must be planned with a view to these special conditions. It is doubtful if anywhere else in the world women are more subject to tuberculosis than in Quebec. It is doubtful if elsewhere in Canada the death rate from phthisis is almost as high in the country districts as in the cities.

In the province of Quebec the death rate from tuberculosis is much higher than it is in Ontario and in the neighboring American states, and it is higher among the French-speaking population of the province than among the English-speaking residents of Quebec. It appears to the commissioners that the causes of this remarkable condition are found in the greater poverty of the French-Canadian population, the fact that they neglect or are ignorant of many of the simplest rules of health, and that they form the greater number of artisans and laborers and are thus more exposed to the unhygienic influences of industrial work. The English-speaking population, according to the report, all the better industrial posts, are better paid in consequence, and live in healthier surroundings. The commissioners say that reform must proceed along the lines of attempting to improve the conditions of industrial work for the French-Canadians, and disseminating among them a greater knowledge of the laws of health.

Regarding the remarkable fact that in Quebec women fall more readily victims to the disease than men, the commissioners say that for the six winter months the women of the province, as a rule, spend most of their time indoors, and to preserve warmth the houses are too frequently sealed against any fresh air. Even in the summer, it is the custom to keep the blinds down and the windows closed, in order to make the houses moderately cool. They mention the fact that the high birth rate among French-Canadian women may also be a factor, since, following childbirth, the resistance to infection of any sort is lowered. There is also to be considered the fact that the larger families of the French-Canadians makes necessary the huddling together of many persons in small rooms, a condition that is highly favorable to the development of the tubercle bacilli. More than twice as many French-Canadian women die of tuberculosis, according to the report, as English women. Compared with the incidence of the disease in the male sex, that among the women is as 222 compared with 161.

As regards the relation of climate to the disease, the commissioners find that, apart from the effects of people huddling too much indoors, it is an insignificant one. The disease is slightly more prevalent in March than in any other month of the year, and is slightly less prevalent in September. They do not fail to point to the probability of the germs of the disease, which manifests itself in the spring and summer, having established themselves in the winter months. Cold in itself is not more favorable to the growth of the bacilli than heat, and the report quotes approvingly the words of Dr. Trudeau, who says: "It is not so much where the consumptive lives as how he lives that is of the most importance." The climate of Quebec is not necessarily more favorable to the spread of the disease than that of British Columbia.

Just how serious the problem of tuberculosis is for the province of Quebec may be judged from the fact that one-third of all the deaths in the province are attributed to it. It is more deadly than all other infectious diseases combined. Only infantile diarrhoea of all specific diseases causes greater ravages. In tuberculosis more than half the victims fall between the ages of 15 and 34, and more than one-third between the ages of 20 and 45. Only two states in the Union, which keep accurate records, have a higher death rate; that in Montreal is probably higher than any other city on this continent or in the British Isles, and in comparison with seventeen civilized countries, Quebec stands sixth as regards the death rate from tuberculosis. A first long stride toward improving her position has been made by the publication of the valuable report from which these facts are taken.

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WOULD ENLARGE CITY WATER PLANT

Kamloops Superintendent Recommends Expenditure of \$108,227

Kamloops, Dec. 8.—At the last meeting of the city council a delegation from the centenary celebration committee asked for a donation of \$1,000 to defray expenses of delegates to Ottawa and Victoria to raise funds for the celebration. Dr. Wade addressed the council, outlining the plan as perfected so far, for a six-days' celebration, for which it was proposed to raise \$100,000. The Dominion government would be asked to contribute \$50,000, and the provincial government \$25,000, and with a grant from the council and private donations added to gate receipts another \$25,000 could easily be raised. J. L. Brown said it was probable Riverside park and the hospital ground would be used, and possibly additional ground would be leased. S. C. Burton and F. E. Simpson also spoke, the latter pointing out the immense advertising value to the city.

The council was unanimously in favor of the project, but Ald. Cornwall expressed some doubt as to the present state of the city finances and he accordingly moved that the matter be referred to the finance committee to report at next meeting. Carried.

Supt. Wain submitted a comprehensive report on the present water plant, strongly recommending adoption of the meter system, which could be installed for about \$12,000. Included in the report was an estimate of cost of overhauling the plant and doubling capacity. The plant would include two boilers, turbine generator, new intake and reservoir, cost of machinery \$52,150, pipe line, etc., \$23,791; 2,000,000-gallon reservoir, \$31,376. Total, \$108,227. If a 1,000,000-gallon reservoir was constructed the cost could be reduced to \$85,383. Mr. Wain thought that if the meter system were adopted at once the amount of water consumed would be greatly reduced by eliminating the waste and the city could get through next summer without a water shortage.

A motion carried that members of the council be furnished with a copy of both reports on the Harbor and all communications bearing on them, so that they could familiarize themselves with the contents of same.

NEW INDUSTRIES.

New Westminster Council Will Lease Property to Three Firms.

New Westminster, Dec. 7.—Three new industries are shortly to be established on Lulu Island, in the vicinity of the Lulu Island bridge, and in the city limits, for at the meeting of the city council it was decided to subdivide about four acres of city property adjacent to the Lulu Island bridge into 50-foot lots, for which applications have been received from three firms. Each lot will have 50 feet frontage, the city reserving the lot immediately next to the bridge. After some discussion it was decided to lease the lots at a rental of \$250 per 100 feet, or 10 per cent per annum on a valuation of \$25 per front foot. The lessees will be required to pay taxes annually, the property being assessed the same as adjoining property. The rental will be adjustable every five years, and the leases will not be transferable. The Schank Machine Works, the Westminster Wood works and Joseph Crane's shipyard will be established there, these firms having agreed to accept these terms for a 20-year lease.

The new isolation hospital will be erected immediately on the old site on Eighth avenue, the report of the health committee to that effect being adopted. The health committee made inquiries as to the possibility of obtaining a more desirable site, but none was obtainable, so despite the lengthy petition of protest, the isolation hospital will have to be erected where it has been for so many years.

SUDDEN DEATH.

New Westminster, Dec. 7.—Alighting from a train at Fraser Mills, Lamg Fong, a Chinaman employed at the mills for the past three years, and well known there, fell dead on the station platform. It appears that deceased, who was accompanied by three companions, had been acting strangely on the train, having the appearance of being under the influence of intoxicants, but no suspicion was entertained by the train crew that he was sick. Dr. Scott of Fraser Mills examined the body, and certified that death was due to natural causes. Coroner Pittendrigh was notified, and after viewing the remains, decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

VERNON TEACHERS RESIGN.

Vernon, Dec. 7.—The resignations of five members of the public school staff formed the feature of the last session of the board of school trustees. Inadequate salaries furnished the reason for resigning, and the resignations were accepted. Those who are resigning comprise Misses M. T. Ritey, A. M. Ritey, A. S. MacKenzie, Mildred Clarke, and K. M. Lettice. It is understood that three of them are going to Nova Scotia and the coast. It was decided that applications for positions as teachers be referred to the school management committee to be dealt with.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE.

Fernie, Dec. 7.—His Honor Judge Wilson heard of a number of cases growing out of the rioting here during the last days of the strike. The two Johnson boys, charged with disturbing the peace, were found guilty but were allowed to go under suspended sentence. James Linn, charged with the same offence, was also found guilty and sentence was deferred.

FIRE AT KAMLOOPS.

Kamloops, Dec. 7.—Fire broke out the other night in the machine shop of J. W. Ellis & Co., Second avenue. The fire evidently originated in the roof of the building, but how is not definitely known. The damage is roughly estimated at \$3,000. An automobile and a motor cycle were practically destroyed.

NEW BLOCKS TO BE BUILT AT DUNCAN

Cowichan Merchants, Odd Fellows and Others Preparing for Work

Duncan, Dec. 7.—The Cowichan merchants intend rebuilding on the site of their former business block recently destroyed by fire. The new premises will extend the full length of the block and be even more up-to-date than the building recently destroyed. The Odd Fellows will also rebuild a much finer block and Mrs. Sutton is building a large business block on the lot adjoining. It is rumored that a fine business block with stores below and offices and apartments above will shortly be built on the site of Keast's old livery. Messrs. LeNoven, Parry and Elliot have cleared the site and are having plans prepared for a garage on the opposite corner.

Mrs. Keast has sold out her interest in the Keast's livery, which was established a number of years ago. Her interest is taken over by Mr. Blackstock. A new livery is being built opposite the government offices.

The annual meeting of the Cowichan Literary Institute was held in the library, with the vice-president, Mr. Haycroft, in the chair. A motion was passed strongly approving of the project to have government help for rural libraries and a request will be sent to W. H. Hayward, M. P., asking him to use his influence to secure the passage of the bill for that purpose, which is soon to be brought before the local house. The officers elected were: President, W. C. Duncan; vice-president, Dr. C. M. Rolston; hon. secretary, Miss A. Hadwen; committee, Mrs. Christmas, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. H. D. Morton, Miss J. Lomas, Miss Owen and Messrs. A. Herd, Brettingham, S. Ransom and Haycroft. The members expressed their appreciation of books sent by the provincial government's lending library.

The annual general meeting of the Cowichan Creamery Association was held in the Knights of Pythias hall on Saturday last with W. H. Hayward, the president, in the chair. J. Fenn moved the adoption of the annual report and congratulated the directors on the splendid work of the year. The meeting also expressed its entire satisfaction of the work of Mr. Drake, the manager, who had done so much to put the association on a good financial basis.

The King's Daughters' annual sale of work held on Saturday last in the supper room of the Knights of Pythias hall was a success. The articles for sale were disposed of long before the afternoon was over and a good sum realized. The success of the sale is largely owing to the work of the leader of the scattered circle, Mrs. Whit, whose wife managed the sale. An art exhibit was in charge of Mrs. Wain, and flowers were sold by Mrs. Whit, and Miss M. Duncan, a talent stall, to which each lady sent the article she should make best, was in charge of Mrs. Leather, babies' outfitting, Mrs. A. Day and Miss Hall; aprons, Mrs. Herd and Mrs. Edgson; fancy needle work, Mrs. Edgson; afternoon tea, Mrs. Macdonald; with a number of helpers—grab bags, Miss J. Lomas; home-made sweets, Miss Macdonald and the Misses Bazett.



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LIQUOR ACT, 1910

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the first day of December next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for renewal of the hotel licence to sell liquor by retail in the hotel known as the Strathcona Hotel, situated at Shawinigan Lake, in the Province of British Columbia.

Dated this 29th day of October, 1911.
LOUIS LUCAS
Applicants.

LIQUOR ACT, 1910.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, B. C., at the next sitting thereof, for a transfer of the Retail Liquor Licence in respect of the premises known as "William Harrison" Saloon, situated at No. 1194 Douglas Street, in the City of Victoria aforesaid, from the undersigned to Jason Graham, and from the said premises to Prince George Hotel, situated at the Southwest corner of Douglas and Pandora Streets, in the City of Victoria aforesaid.

ROBERT HARRISON,
H. CATHCART,
Executors of Estate of William Harrison, Deceased.

LIQUOR ACT, 1910

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, B. C., at the next sitting thereof, for a transfer of the retail liquor license in respect of the premises known as the Hall Saloon, situated at 311 Fort Street, in the City of Victoria, B. C., from the undersigned to Andrew Kennedy.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 27th day of November, 1911.

JAMES DAVID HILL,
Applicant.

City of Victoria

A complete list of Local Improvement Works, authorized by By-Law, from time to time, will be found posted on the Bulletin Board at the main entrance to the City Hall.

Tenders for Sooke Water Supply

Office of the Water Commissioner of the Corporation of Victoria, British Columbia, November 22nd, 1911.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the Water Commissioner, in the City Hall, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 o'clock noon, on Friday, the 15th day of December, 1911, for the construction and installation, including all work and the furnishing of all materials and equipment required for the conserving, conveying, and delivering of Sooke Lake water to the City mains in the City of Victoria, under the direction and to the satisfaction of said Water Commissioner.

Progressive payments will be made, as provided for in the Specifications, and said work must be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications thereon on file in the office of the Water Commissioner, to which reference is hereby made for full details and description of said work and materials, and must be completed within thirty days, and completed within seven hundred and thirty-one days, from the date upon which the contract becomes binding upon the Corporation under the provisions of Bylaw 814.

The amount of the bond to be given for the faithful performance of the contract is hereby fixed at 10 per cent of the contract price.

All proposals offered shall be accompanied by a cheque, certified by a Victoria branch of a chartered bank, and made payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars), and no proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such cheque.

Printed proposals will be furnished gratuitously upon application at the office of the said Water Commissioner, and all proposals must be made upon such forms attached to and forming part of the Specifications.

Printed copies of the Specifications, with proposal forms included, may be obtained from the said Water Commissioner upon depositing \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) for their safe return, and when returned, in good condition, such deposit will be refunded.

The Water Commissioner reserves the right to accept the tender or tenders which will, in his judgment, best secure the efficient performance of the work, or to reject any, or all tenders or proposals which are incomplete, conditional, or obscure, or which contain additions not called for, erasures, alterations, or irregularities of any kind, which will be rejected as informal.

Failure to name sureties will be sufficient cause for the rejection of a tender.

No contract will be awarded for fractional part of a schedule, and no tender will be considered that does not cover at least one complete schedule in all its parts.

JAMES L. RAYMUR,
Water Commissioner.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

That the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable:

1. To widening Pandora Avenue from Douglas Street to Amelia Street to a uniform width of 80 feet and to expropriate the necessary lands required for this purpose from off the north side of said avenue. The assessment is made on the Assessment Roll of 1911, on land values only.

2. To grade, drain and pave with an asphaltic pavement Courtney Street, from Blanchard Street to Quadra Street, and construct lateral connections to sewers, surface drains and water mains, and curbs and gutters on both sides of said street, and remove poles, if necessary.

And that all of said work shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-Law, and amendments thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of this by-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said work, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor as aforesaid having been adopted by the Council:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas Street, and that unless a petition signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property to be assessed for such improvement, and representing at least one-half of the value of the said land or real property, is presented to the Council within fifteen days from the date of the first

publication of this notice, the Council will proceed with the proposed improvement upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the Council may by by-law in that behalf regulate and determine.

WELLINGTON J. BOWLER, M. C.
City Clerk's Office, Nov. 24th, 1911.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to:

1. To grade, drain and pave with an asphaltic pavement Manchester Road, from the Gorge Road to the Burnside Road, and lay all lateral connections to sewers, surface drains and water mains;

2. To grade, drain and pave with an asphaltic pavement Cecilia Road, from Manchester Road to Washington Avenue, and construct permanent sidewalks of concrete on both sides of said road, with curbs and gutters, also lateral connections to sewers, surface drains and water mains, and remove poles, if necessary;

3. To grade, drain and pave with an asphaltic pavement Grahame Street, from Hillside Avenue to Summit Avenue, and construct curbs and gutters on both sides of said street, also lateral connections to sewers, surface drains and water mains, and remove poles, if necessary;

4. To grade, drain and pave with an asphaltic pavement Prior Street, from Hillside Avenue to Summit Avenue, and construct curbs and gutters on both sides of said street, also lateral connections to sewers, surface drains and water mains, and remove poles, if necessary;

5. To grade, drain and pave Stanley Avenue, between Pandora Avenue and Pembroke Street, and construct permanent sidewalks, with curbs and gutters on both sides of said avenue, also lateral connections to sewers, surface drains and water mains, and remove poles, if necessary;

6. To light Courtney Street from Douglas Street to Quadra Street, by means of electric light columns bearing cluster lights, and to construct the necessary conduits for carrying wires underground;

7. To light Broughton Street, from Douglas Street to Quadra Street, by means of electric light columns bearing branch lights, and to construct the necessary conduits for carrying wires underground.

And that all of said work shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-Law, and amendments thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of this by-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said work, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor as aforesaid having been adopted by the Council:

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WELLINGTON J. BOWLER, M. C.
City Clerk's Office, Dec. 5th, 1911.

RESERVOIR TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 3 p. m. on Friday, the 1st of December, for the repairing of the Smith's Hill Reservoir. The parties tendering will require to furnish their own specifications. Successful tender to enter into a contract to make the Reservoir water-tight and to give a five years guarantee of his work, satisfactory to the Municipal Council.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

P. S.—The time for receiving tenders for the above has been extended to 3 p. m. Friday, December 8th.

WM. W. NORTHOTT,
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Financial News**NEW YORK STOCKS**

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 8.

Bids Asked

Amal. Copper

Am. Beet Sugar

Am. Smelting

Anaconda

Atchafalpa

B. T. R. x-div.

C. P. R.

Chas. & Ohio

Colo. Fuel & Iron

Erie

Gt. Nor. pfd.

H. & N.

Mo. Pacific

N. Y. Central

Nor. Pac.

Reading

Rock Island

St. P.

Union Pacific

U. S. Steel

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Victoria, Dec. 8.—The local market still continues depressed, sellers predominating in almost all classes of stock. Oil shares were offered down again to-day with the exception of C. P. oil which were firmer at 14 bid. Portland Canal were sold down to 33 cents, being the lowest price yet recorded here.

American-Canadian Oil

Canadian North West Oil

Canadian Pac. Oil of B. C.

Maricopa Oil

Granby

International C. & C.

Niagara Valley

Royal Collieries

Western Coal & C.

B. C. Copper

B. C. Packers Com.

B. C. Lumber Loan

C. N. P. Fisheries

Dominion Trust Co.

Great West Permanent

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SUGAR MARKET

New York, Dec. 8.—Raw sugar, nominal; muscovado, 99 test, \$4.37 1/4; centrifugal, 96 test, \$4.86; molasses sugar, 99 test, \$4.12 1/4; refined sugar, easy.

SUGAR REFINERY SOLD.

New York, Dec. 8.—The American Sugar Refining Company announced yesterday that it had sold to John D. and Adolph B. Spreckels of San Francisco all its stock in the Western Sugar Refining Company of California. The American Sugar Refining Company has also sold its entire interest in the stock of the Carver County Sugar Company, a small beet sugar factory located at Chaska, Minn.

The holdings of the Western Sugar Refining Company amount to one-half of the \$1,000,000 capital stock and in the Carver county sugar company \$183,791 of the \$200,000 capital stock.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 8, 1911.

Open High Low Close.

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Corn

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Chicago CATTLE MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; market strong; beefs, \$4.60-5.25; Texas steers, \$4.10-5.75; western steers, \$4.40-5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.00-5.50; cows and heifers, \$2.00-5.50; calves, \$5.00-8.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 20,000; market steady; light, \$5.00-6.25; mixed, \$5.00-6.25; heavy, \$5.00-6.25; rough, \$4.50-6.00; good choice heavy, \$6.00-8.75; pigs, \$4.00-6.00; bulk of sales, \$5.00-6.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; market steady; native, \$2.50-4.15; western, \$2.80-4.00; yearlings, \$4.50-5.50; lambs, native, \$3.75-6.25; western, \$4.50-6.25.

WASTE MILLIONS YEARLY.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—American railroads lose \$2,000,000 worth of fuel a year and consume \$200,000,000 worth of coal to secure \$80,000,000 worth of efficiency—further waste of \$120,000,000 worth of fuel—according to figures prepared by Chicago Engineer L. C. Fitch of the Chicago Great Western railroad. That road conducted an investigation, following the charge by Louis Brandeis that railroads wasted \$1,000,000 a day in inefficient service, and Mr. Fitch's report is one of the most complete and effective results of the inquiry being wasted. This loss, says the report, is due to steam, unburned gases, waiting locomotives that have been fired up too soon, radiation from boilers, jumps lost along the road and taken from open coal yards, inefficient handling of locomotives and other wastes.

"The fuel bureau could begin by intelligent purchasing of higher grade coal, could instruct firemen to perform their work with economy, in view, could conduct tests for better heat insulation of boilers, have rail-roads for engines issued with more regard for the length of time required to fire up and otherwise conserve the fuel supply."

In 10 years, says the report, American railroads have increased the cost of their fuel supply from \$104,525,000 to \$212,825,000.

"Of course, 100 per cent. efficiency is impossible," continues the report, "but the present 55 per cent. of waste certainly may be cut down to an appreciable degree. Careful investigation of the maintenance and operation of our roads and others within the scope of our observation lead us to believe it is not unreasonable to think 10 to 25 per cent. of this waste may be cut off, effecting the saving of from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 spoken of in this report."

ACCEPTED REBATES.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 8.—A jury in the United States court last night returned a verdict of guilty in the case of the government against the Standard Oil Company for accepting rebates from the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads on shipments of oil from Olean, N. Y., to Burlington, Vermont, during 1904 and 1905. There were 143 points in the indictment, upon which the Standard Oil Company was convicted, each of which is punishable by a fine of \$30,000. An appeal was taken to the superior court.

TRUBLE IN PANAMA.

Panama, Dec. 8.—The Panama newspapers announce the dismissal of J. Arnago, governor of Panama, the mayor and Chief of Police Prell, of the city of Panama. Friends of the dismissed men say this is part of the executive's plan to get rid of all government employees who do not favor the re-election of President Arce.

Late last night serious fighting occurred between partisans of the administration and its opponents. Secretary Pardo, who was at the scene of the fighting, was slightly hurt. The situation was quiet to-day, but serious disturbances are expected during the election.

TRIES TO END LIFE.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 8.—Rising in his seat in a crowded passenger coach on an in-going Rock Island train to-day, James Wilson, who claims his home is in California, cut his throat with a razor. He missed the jugular vein and made a second attempt, just as a special officer placed him under arrest. He is in a local hospital.

Connecting a hinged step with the air brake system, an Englishman has invented a device to prevent a train starting while a passenger is alighting from or boarding a car.

THE CITY MARKET

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Hams (B. C.), per lb.

Bacon (B. C.), per lb.

Hams (American), per lb.

Bacon (American), per lb.

Bacon (long clear), per lb.

Beef, per lb.

Pork, per lb.

Mutton, per lb.

Lamb, hindquarter

Lamb, forequarter

Veal, per lb.

Suet, per lb.

Farm Produce

Fresh Island Eggs

Butter, Canadian

Butter, Victoria

Butter, Salt Spring

Butter, Eastern Townships

Lard, per lb.

Purity, per sack

Purity, per bbl.

Hogwarts Flour

Olive's Royal Household, per sack

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PASSING SHOW

The Empress Theatre.

Dogs which dance, waltzing or swaying in a serpentine number with extended skirts are included in a troupe which Miss Anna Buckley presents at the Empress theatre this week in her act, "A Day in Dogville." Miss Buckley has much experience in training animals, and says she finds that kindness is the greatest factor in educating them. The animals are anxious to please and the hope of reward in the shape of a dainty morsel does much to make them do trick after trick. Miss Buckley is now training a small bear. Roller skates are put on Bruin and the cub is being taught to skate. When the training is complete Miss Buckley considers that with the bear doing the skating she will have one of the best features of an animal act now staged. She is making an effort to advance the training of the bear sufficiently to allow of him making his debut at the matinee on Saturday.

His Honor the Mayor, Harry Thompson, has been making the audiences at the Empress theatre laugh all week with his drolleries. As a raconteur Mr. Thompson excels, and he introduces a number of local skits in his monologue.

Popularizing classical music on the telephone and saxophone, Newell and Niblo have as good a musical number as Empress patrons have seen for some time, and Rawson and Clare put on a pleasing little comedietta entitled "Yesterday," which is well staged and costumed. Miss Belle Dixon, lyric soprano, sings a repertoire of good solos, and the Empresscope rounds off the programme.

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MORE LAW SOUGHT

IN CARROLL CASES

Hour in Jail by Notorious Woman Followed by Presents to Women Prisoners

Application has been made to the attorney-general to order the arrest of Estelle Durin, alias Carroll, on the ground that she is an escaped prisoner of the crown. The action is taken by the solicitor for the Saanich municipality, J. A. Alkman, as the outcome of the woman's arrest last Monday and liberation the same night under an order of the County Court quashing the conviction recorded against her.

She was sentenced by Magistrate Jay in the police court on a charge of selling liquor without a license to four months imprisonment. The sentence was appealed and the appeal allowed by Judge Lammman, because the prosecution was not in court. The prosecution was before another judge getting an order to prohibit Judge Lammman from hearing the case. The order was obtained after the conviction was quashed.

The solicitor retained by the municipality then ordered the rearrest of the woman, and Monday last she was taken into custody at her home on the Gorge road. But her imprisonment was short, for the Victoria solicitor acting for her, Vancouver solicitor obtained her release from the Hillside avenue jail the same night.

While in jail for the few hours the woman wept copiously, punctuating her weeping with bursts of rage and disappointment, and in violent expressions of her opinion. She, however, saw the inside of the provincial jail, and the scenes there struck a sympathetic chord, for the day following her liberation she sent to the women prisoners of the Hillside avenue jail several baskets of delicacies for the lightening of their confinement.

Mr. Alkman holds that under the power given him by the Supreme Court he is entitled to have the woman arrested again, and that she is in the position of an escaped prisoner. He has sent to the attorney-general a detailed statement of the facts of the case from its inception in the police court, with a request that she be treated as an escaped prisoner and arrested.

Mr. Robertson, of Vancouver, who acted for her in the court trials here, declined to produce his client when her appeal on a charge of keeping a disorderly house came up before Judge Lammman, and his contention that the appellant need not appear in person was upheld by the County Court judge. In this appeal the judgment was reversed.

Her solicitor, acting on the quashing order in the first appeal, is now suing the municipality—South Saanich for the recovery of \$1,000 bail money held for her appearance. He claims that the bail was returnable immediately the conviction was quashed, but the South Saanich legal adviser will not let go until he can get the question of her right to be at large tested.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Victoria vs. Vancouver, McKeechle Cup game, at Oak Bay, 2:30 o'clock. Referee, Sparks.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL (Amateur) First Division.

J. B. A. A. vs. Foresters, at North Ward park; referee, W. Miller.

S. O. E. vs. Victoria West at Royal Athletic park; referee, D. McDougall.

Second Division.

J. B. A. A. vs. North Ward at Beacon Hill; referee, S. Shanks.

Victoria West vs. Oak Bay at Macaulay Point; referee, O. Hartley.

Junior League.

North Ward vs. Victoria West at North Ward park.

All games will be started at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

Professional Game.

Victoria will play at Nanaimo Sunday afternoon against Nanaimo United. Grass Hockey.

Victoria vs. Vancouver to-morrow afternoon.

GAZETTE ANNOUNCES

CROSSING OF DIVIDE

Unique Item in Provincial Government Publication Records Historic Fact

The British Columbia Gazette is a unique publication in many ways and from time to time contains announcements which no other government weekly newspaper is privileged to make. In fact, the provincial Gazette is far more interesting as a family paper for the home and fireside than any other of its kind published in Canada—and there are ten of them all the way from Halifax to Victoria.

These reflections are aroused by a little notice in the issue of the Gazette of yesterday's date, emanating from the office of the provincial secretary, and being what is really an item of news. This is to the following effect under the heading "Grand Trunk Pacific Railway."

"It is announced on the authority of Mr. E. J. Chanerlin, the Vice-President and General Manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, that the main-line rails of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway passed the Great Divide between the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia at 8:34 a. m. Pacific time, on Monday, the 26th of November, 1911."

The news, already published in the daily papers, is gratifying to all British Columbians and marks the progress towards early completion of what will be one of the great monuments of the first Laurier administration. The notice is not signed by the senior provincial secretary, although it is one to which he might well be proud to have his name appended.

FAVOR MOVEMENT TO MODERNIZE TRAINING

Action of Trades and Labor Council Supported—Curriculum Requires Change

The modernizing of the curriculum of the public schools of the province, to which attention is being given in accordance with the demand for special instruction of a more useful character than at present prevails, receives approval from sources which are interested in the development of the school system to replace in some measure the preliminary training in the shops and factories.

If it were possible, in the absence of technical schools of a definite character, to take the High School student after a year or a year and a half, and begin specialization with him along the lines of the calling he is to follow, much of the work of breaking him into useful service in his subsequent profession or business would be removed.

In the lack of an apprenticeship system, due to the materialistic spirit of this western country, where the youth thinks only of immediate income, and not of future possibilities, the only opportunity to meet this condition of affairs is on the grounding of the schools in matters of theory, and to a small extent in practical knowledge, to build up a special training which is to be of use in the days to come.

The action of the Trades and Labor Council in taking up the matter will receive general approval, in view of the fact that the industrial classes recognize that their children must learn their trades better than the factories of to-day can spare the time to train them, and that much of the preliminary work can be done in school days along preparatory lines. The school regulations do not recognize that it is the function of the schools to do something more than turn out the pupils with an academic training. In conversation with a number of the labor leaders in this city this week the Times found a general feeling of dissatisfaction at the way in which the department regarded its duties to the

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COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

Discovery of Chromatic Printing Process.

Real photographic prints in natural colors have been made at last, and the inventor of the process is an Englishman, Dr. J. H. Smith, formerly of the Royal College of Science, Dublin. The commercial pioneers, as seems to be inevitable in photographic art, are a French company. Specimen prints and the necessary materials are now obtainable.

Photography in natural colors upon glass has been exploited for several years, and some beautiful results have been obtained by skilled amateurs. Several of the more enterprising professionals have specialized in the production of natural color transparencies for their sitters. The processes have not gained general popularity because of the extensive exposures required in the first instance, the systematic care essential for success, the cost of materials and the obvious limitations of the completed picture.

The genuine photographic color print has been promised for years. Its arrival does not necessarily mean a "boom," for Professor Smith's process, effective as it may be, bears but the same relationship to the ideal print that the Daguerrotype does to the best work of to-day. The printing process is tedious, only possible in summer (except to a man of means), whilst the total expense is beyond the reach of many amateurs.

These color prints are made from colored transparencies by direct printing as in the ordinary photographic process. The negative may be an autochrome Dufay or other color-screen plate, a hand-colored lantern slide, or a window transparency. Highly colored pictures, too, can be used if rendered transparent by rubbing the black with oil.

The paper, which is known as "Utochrome," has a black, shiny surface, composed apparently of an admixture of primary colors in some determined proportion. Its actual composition and mode of preparation are strictly secret. The colored light passing through the color negative bleaches out all the colors on the paper except that corresponding to its own. In this way a paper duplicate of the transparency original is formed. The colors are fixed by special solutions provided by the manufacturers of the paper.

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